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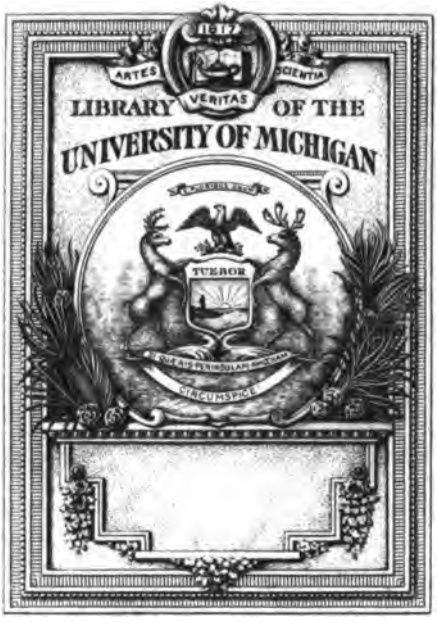


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# MINUTES

OF THE

# COMMON COUNCIL

Albany April 12. 1795.

Dear Sir

The last post but one brought me your letter transmitting me a certificate of the freedom of the City of New York — Among the precious testimonies, I have received, of the approbation of my immediate fellow Citizens, none is more acceptable or more flattering to me than that which I now acknowlege — I beg you to convey to the Board the expressions of my high sense of the honor they have done me (which I shall be happy on every opportunity of manifesting) as well as of my sincere respect for themselves —

With true friendship and regard
I have the honor to be D Sir
Your very obd Servt
Alexander Hamilton

Richard Varick Esq
Mayor of the City of New York

This letter of Alexander Hamilton, previously unpublished, was discovered by the editor among the loose papers in the custody of the city clerk. Hamilton had recently resigned as Secretary of the Treasury and was granted the freedom of the City by the Common Council March 6, 1795 (see vol. II, p. 132). Reference is made to this reply in the minutes of May 18, 1795 (see vol. II, p. 148).

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# MINUTES

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OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

1784—1831

## VOLUME I

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# INTRODUCTION

THIS volume begins the publication of the sixty-eight engrossed manuscript volumes of the MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, preserved in the office of the City Clerk, numbered volumes 8 to 75, both inclusive. As they fill a gap in an otherwise nearly unbroken series of related records from the Dutch régime, in 1653, to the present time, a particular statement of the relationship is presented here.

On February 2, 1653, Director-General Peter Stuyvesant and his Council proclaimed a form of municipal government for New Amsterdam, granting "a bench of justice," consisting of two burgomasters and five schepens, to be served by a secretary or clerk and a *boode* or messenger. Both judicial and administrative functions were defined in the instrument as promulgated.* The results of the execution of these functions were recorded in volumes of court minutes, executive or administrative minutes, and miscellaneous secretarial record-books, such as attestations, proofs, and declarations made by individuals; contracts; ground briefs and conveyances of land; mortgages; charter parties; sales of vessels, etc. With the change to an English system of municipal government in June, 1665, until 1673, and again after the English reoccupation in 1674, the records took the form of Mayor's Court minutes. From 1675 another series of minutes of the Common Council came into being, which continued during the English régime until 1776. The City of New York was under a military form of government during the remainder of the Revolutionary War. For a while after the treaty of peace a readjustment in the government of the city took place, and it was not until 1784 that the regular business of Mayor and Aldermen in Common Council bore fruit in systematic minutes. They have been continued through the various ramifications of government until today; but printed volumes have been issued contemporaneously only since May 10, 1831, with the single exception of the records for the year 1871.

On October 2, 1895, Mayor William L. Strong appointed a committee of citizens "to consider the condition of the City Library [then

* For particulars see Stokes, I. N. P., *The Iconography of Manhattan Island*, I: 38-39.

in the City Hall], with a view to making such suggestions and improvements as will make it a credit to the City, and a proper and desirable place for the custody of the City's valuable Archives." Six days later, the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution, which the Mayor approved on the 15th, directing the said committee, "under the supervision of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, to make translations of, and print, such of the Records contained in the City Hall, as they may desire; and that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized to loan to said Committee such records or books as shall be necessary to carry on their work, and shall take proper receipts therefor." The committee selected the court minutes of burgomasters and schepens of New Amsterdam, a portion of the administrative minutes of the burgomasters, and the earliest English minutes of the Mayor's Court of the City of New York to 1673. For carrying out the project, the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on December 31, 1895, voted the sum of $7,000. The committee selected Berthold Fernow as "Editor and Superintendent of the work"; in the autumn of 1897 the results appeared in seven octavo volumes as *The Records of New Amsterdam* (1653-1674), the volumes averaging 392 pages.

The engrossed minutes of the Common Council from October 17, 1675, to May 9, 1831, comprise seventy-five folio volumes. Those contained in volumes 1 to 7 cover the period from October 17, 1675, to May 24, 1776. They were published in 1905 in eight octavo volumes, averaging 469 pages, under the authority of the City of New York and under the supervision of another committee named by Mayor Seth Low from the membership of the New York Historical Society, which had originally proposed the publication to the Mayor. On February 10, 1903, the Board of Aldermen, at Mayor Low's request, resolved that the committee already appointed by him should have charge of the work. Professor Herbert L. Osgood, of Columbia University, was chairman of this Mayor's Committee and the editing was done under his immediate supervision, with the assistance of Austin Baxter Keep.

There are no minutes for the war period after May 24, 1776, or before February 10, 1784, except a few evidences of lost sessions preliminary to the last named date.

The publication of the minutes of the Common Council from 1784 to 1831 has been urged for a long time by individuals and by historical societies interested in the preservation of the public records of this city, as they cover nearly the first half-century of the city's existence

as a municipality in the United States—years of reconstruction and expansion under the stimuli of a democratic form of government. These minutes are of inestimable value to public officials, lawyers, real estate dealers—in fact, to everybody who has need of information with respect to land titles, property lines, streets and roads, docks and ferries, grants and franchises, etc., etc., as well as to the local historian and to the student of the processes of municipal affairs. After the great fire in the Capitol at Albany, in the spring of 1911, Dr. Edward Hagaman Hall, Secretary of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, conceived the plan of securing against loss at least some of the minutes of the Common Council by preparing instalments for publication as appendices to the annual reports of that Society. The first instalment, beginning with February 10, 1784, appeared in the seventeenth, and the last, ending with August 20, 1790, in the twenty-first of these reports (1912-1916). Together, they embrace the minutes contained in the original volumes 8 and 9.* Now that the city government has undertaken the publication of the entire body of minutes, Dr. Hall's instalments have been discontinued, but his experience, as well as generous service, is continued by his association with this committee.

On June 8, 1916, Mayor John Purroy Mitchel communicated to the Board of Aldermen a request for the authorization of the issue of special revenue bonds for the publication of the MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL from February 10, 1784, to May 9, 1831. The subject was referred by the Board, on June 20th, to the Committee on Finance, which after a hearing reported favorably thereon, and the Board voted the same on July 7th, the Mayor giving his approval on July 20th. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on July 27th, authorized the Comptroller to issue the special revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 8 of section 188 of the Greater New York Charter.

In August, 1916, Mayor Mitchel appointed a Publication Committee, an Honorary Committee, an Editor, and a Secretary, as follows:

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE—Marshall S. Brown, A.M., Professor of History, New York University; Edward Hagaman Hall, L.H.D., Secretary, American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society; Lamar Hardy, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York; Austin Baxter

* For information see these *Reports* for 1911, pp. 222-225; 1912, pp. 443-447; 1913, p. 629; 1914, p. 571; 1915, pp. 655-656; and particularly 1916, pp. 737-739.

Keep, Ph.D., Instructor in History, College of the City of New York; Herbert L. Osgood, Ph.D., LL.D., Professor of History, Columbia University; Victor Hugo Paltsits, formerly State Historian of New York and now Chief of the American History Division and Keeper of Manuscripts in the New York Public Library; William A. Prendergast, LL.D., Comptroller of the City of New York; and Paul C. Wilson, Assistant Secretary to the Mayor, who was added to this committee in May, 1917.

HONORARY COMMITTEE—Frank B. Bigelow, Librarian of the New York Society Library; Henry H. Curran, City Magistrate; James P. Davenport, Assistant Special Deputy Register of the County of New York; Edgar Dawson, Ph.D., Professor of History, Hunter College; Robert W. de Forest, LL.D., President of Metropolitan Museum of Art; R. T. H. Halsey, specialist on New York City history; Robert H. Kelby, Librarian, New York Historical Society; Francis P. Kenney, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Board of Aldermen; George McAneny, LL.D., formerly President of the Board of Aldermen; John B. Pine, L.H.D., Clerk of the Board of Trustees, Columbia University; I. N. Phelps Stokes, author of "The Iconography of Manhattan Island;" and William G. Willcox, President, Board of Education.

EDITOR—A. Everett Peterson, Ph.D., Instructor in History, Evander Childs High School.

SECRETARY—C. C. Williamson, Ph.D., Municipal Reference Librarian.

The Mayor's Publication Committee organized on October 4, 1916, at Kent Hall, Columbia University, by electing Mr. Paltsits as chairman, after Professor Osgood, the unanimous choice of the committee, had declined to serve on account of the pressure of other engagements. The Publication Committee has sat alone or in joint meetings with the Honorary Committee, in the Municipal Building or the New York Public Library. The first joint meeting took place on December 6, 1916, when Dr. John B. Pine was chosen as chairman of the Honorary Committee and presided with the chairman of the Publication Committee.

Specifications with respect to paper, printing, binding, etc., were drawn up in conference with the Supervisor of the City Record; bids were received, and the contract was awarded to the Martin B. Brown Printing and Binding Company for an edition of 350 sets. By resolution of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment it was ordered that

sets should be sold. It has been tentatively estimated that the sixty-eight manuscript volumes contain about six and one-half million words and that the publication will require about twenty volumes of eight hundred pages each, and an analytical index volume of more than one thousand pages. Dr. Peterson, the Editor, in his editorial preface treats more in detail the particulars respecting the methods of editing and printing. Several of the members of the Publication Committee have examined proofs as tests and have found the results satisfactory and accurate.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the generous coöperation that has been accorded us by our associates of the Honorary Committee, by the Municipal Civil Service Commission, by the Supervisor of the City Record, by the Board of Aldermen, by the Board of Education, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and no less by His Honor, the Mayor, in bringing this task to fruition.

VICTOR HUGO PALTSITS, Chairman.
MARSHALL S. BROWN
EDWARD HAGAMAN HALL
LAMAR HARDY
AUSTIN BAXTER KEEP
HERBERT L. OSGOOD
WILLIAM A. PRENDERGAST
PAUL C. WILSON.

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C. C. WILLIAMSON, Secretary.

July 12, 1917.

# EDITOR'S FOREWORD

THE editor of these minutes faced a problem quite different from any confronting the editors of the earlier minutes, namely, a mass of material about ten times greater than either of the previous sets had involved. The preparation of printer's copy of about 28,500 manuscript pages was the first step to be undertaken. The manuscript transcribed many years ago and used by Professor Osgood in editing the minutes from 1675 to 1776 was available through Volume 54. An investigation of these transcripts, however, showed the same abundance of copyists' errors that had marked the earlier volumes. The preparation of copy by this method would have been, at best, a slow process. The possible use of the photostat in the interest of speed and accuracy was therefore taken up with several printing firms, who agreed that the photoprints could be used if doubtful words or phrases were elucidated in the margin. Through the courtesy of the Comptroller a photostat machine in the Bureau of Contract Supervision was made available for the work, whereby the necessity of taking the valuable record books from the Municipal Building was removed. As the work has advanced the wisdom of the decision in favor of the photostat process has never been questioned.

A staff of assistants to aid the editor in reading and preparing the photoprints for the printer and in reading proof was necessary to hasten the work. Civil service lists were not available for work of such an exceptional character, but through the coöperation of the Municipal Civil Service Commission and many friends of the work, Professor Edgar Dawson of the Honorary Committee in particular, a staff of twenty-four assistants, most of them Hunter College students specializing in history, was secured. Their aid has become increasingly valuable as the work has progressed.

The editor has used the eight-volume work of Professor Osgood as a model and has followed closely the editorial practices therein employed. Wherever in the manuscript the intention of the clerk is obvious but his execution faulty, a letter or word has been inserted in brackets to indicate an omission; likewise italicized letters or words indicate redundance.

Wherever the meaning of the clerk is not clear, no interpretation is attempted, the editor being convinced that over-editing is to be avoided in a work of this character.

In many places throughout the manuscript volumes marginal notes appear. In the majority of cases these were inserted by a later clerk. Some appear to have little value: others offer helpful explanations or suggestions. It has been the policy of the editor to retain them all, carrying them as foot notes.

Figures within brackets are the numbers of the pages of the manuscript volume and are placed before the first word of the page so numbered.

On the Publication Committee the Mayor included men of long acquaintance with old records. To these men the city owes much for the time and effort they have given so generously to the furtherance of this important work. The editor has gone to them frequently for advice; their counsel has been invaluable and their words of encouragement have been appreciated.

Through the efforts of Dr. C. C. Williamson, Municipal Reference Librarian, and Secretary of the Mayor's Committees, the editor has carried on his work in the sympathetic atmosphere of the Municipal Reference Library. Dr. Williamson's zeal in promoting the publication of these records has continued unremittingly with every step in the progress of the work and has been sufficient to overcome every obstacle. To him the editor is most grateful for assistance and counsel.

The editor's wife, Maude Gridley Peterson, has allowed her botanical studies to be set aside temporarily in the interests of the editor and the city. Accuracy bred of scientific research has availed in another field and has been unspeakably valuable.

The editor also wishes to acknowledge the unfailing courtesy of City Clerk P. J. Scully and City Librarian Philip Baer.

A. EVERETT PETERSON

# MANUSCRIPT MINUTES SUMMARIZED

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The City of New York was occupied by a British military force from September 1776 to November 25, 1783. During the interval there are interesting financial records extant, showing among other things disbursements made by the Vestry for the support of the Alms House and the poor, "for cleansing, paving and repairing the streets," and for rents of houses "occasionally found necessary to hire, for the accommodation of the garrison". (Letter of Henry B. Dawson to Mayor Opdyke in *Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen*, Vol. 86, pp. 209-227). There are no known Common Council Minutes, however, between May 24, 1776 and February 10, 1784. It is, therefore, from an investigation of other sources we know that the members of the Common Council holding office on the latter date were elected on December 15, 1783 (*Independent Gazette*, December 20, 1783). This incomplete body—there being no Mayor—organized with John Broome as President and assumed the government of the city under the title of the Aldermen and Common Council (*Independent Gazette*, February 12, 1784). The minutes of January 18, 1785, refer to a meeting of "the Aldermen and Assistants in Common Council convened" on December 26, 1783 (Cf. infra, p. 109). It was probably at this meeting that the action was taken concerning fire protection which was published in the newspapers a few days later (*New York Packet*, January 1, 1784; *Independent Gazette*, January 3, 1784). At a meeting probably held on January 2, 1784, action was taken to secure the inhabitants against the careless storage of gun powder (*New York Packet*, January 5, 1784; *Independent Gazette*, January 8, 1784). An Assize of Bread is to be connected with a meeting on January 16 (*New York Packet*, January 19, 1784).

Governor George Clinton appointed James Duane Mayor on February 5 (*Documentary History of New York*, IV:651) and he was duly installed on February 7 (*New York Packet*, February 9, 1784). In a letter addressed to the Common Council under date of February 7 the newly commissioned mayor refers to the custom of his predecessors of giving a "public entertainment" on assuming office, and declares that he feels justified in departing from the tradition because of the evidence of want and distress throughout the city. "Rather permit me, Gentlemen, to entreat you to take the trouble of distributing for me Twenty Guineas towards the relief of my suffering fellow citizens in your respective wards." (*Independent Gazette*, February 12, 1784.)

* Erroneously numbered 396 in original.

VOLUME EIGHT

OF

# MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 1784 TO SEPTEMBER 22, 1787

[1] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the House of John Simmons Innholder in the City of New York on the tenth Day of february 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

Benjamin Blagge
Thomas Randall
John Broome
William W Gilbert
William Nielson
Thomas Ivers
Abraham P Lott
} Esq[rs] Aldermen

Daniel Phœnix
Abraham Van Gelder
Thomas Ten Eyck
Henry Shute
Samuel Johnson
Jeremiah Wool
} Assistants

Robert Benson Esq[r] produced to the Board a Commission under the Great Seal of the State appointing him Clerk of the City and County of New York &[c] &[c] &[c] which was read.

On reading a Petition of Gifford Dally praying to be appointed a Measurer of Lime.

Ordered that the said Gifford Dally be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Lime in this City accordingly.

Ordered that Alderman Broome Ald[n] Neilson Ald[n] Gilbert & M[r] Phœnix be a Committee to report an Estimate of the Sum necessary to be raised for the support of the Poor.

[2] Ordered that M[r] David Morris be Captain of the fire Engine near the Goal in the stead of M[r] Pontius who declines serving.

Whereas it hath been suggested that many Persons are greatly in Arrears for Rents and Quit Rents due to this Corporation; and the Exigencies of the City rendering it necessary that the said Arrears should be collected as soon as possible

Ordered that the Chamberlain or City Treasurer do without delay proceed to the Collection of all Arrears of Rents and Quit Rents due to this Corporation as aforesaid.

An Acc[t] of Richard Smith for labor and Materials on the Repairs to the City Hall amounting to £77:8:6½ audited by the Committee Was read & allowed of the Board

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue a Warrant to the Treasurer to
No 1. pay the said Account out of any Monies which now are or
issued may come into his Hands & appropriated to the Use of this Corporation.

Ordered that Joseph Jadwin be and he is hereby appointed a Packer of Beef & Pork and a Culler of Staves within this City.

[3] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the House of John Simmons Innholder in the said City on the 17th Day of February 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

John Broome
William W Gilbert
Abraham P Lott
Thomas Ivers
Thomas Randall
} Esqrs Aldermen

Daniel Phœnix
Jeremiah Wool
Samuel Johnson
John De Peyster
Henry Shute
Abraham Van Gelder
} Assistants

A Memorial of Peter De Reimer praying Permission to erect & keep a public Scale near the White Hall Slip, for weighing Hay was read.

Ordered that the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

A Petition of Joseph Griswold Junr praying a renewal of the Leases of Certain of the Corporation Lots described by Lots No 1 & 29 & half of Lots No 9 & 10 formerly belonging to his father; was read & referred to Aldn Broome Aldn Gilbert & Mr Phœnix to enquire into the Circumstances of the Case & to report thereon.

Ordered that Aldn Broome, Aldn Neilson Mr Phœnix, Mr Ten Eyck & Mr De Peyster be a Committee to examine and revise the late [4] Ordinances of this Corporation and from time to time report such as in their Opinions ought to be revised and the Amendments necessary.

A Petition of Jacobus Van Zandt praying an abatement of Rent due on certain Lots situate on Enchlam Bergh, leased from the Corporation; was read and referred to Aldn Randall Aldn Ivers, Aldn Lott, Mr Johnson & Mr Shute.

A Petition of John McComb praying to be appointed a City Surveyor, and a Letter from Isaac Stoutenburgh Esqr directed to Mr Mayor, soliciting the said Office for his Son Isaac Stoutenburgh Junr were respectively read & immediately taken into consideration; and thereupon Ordered that Mr Isaac Stoutenburgh Junr be and he is hereby appointed one of the City Surveyors accordingly

A Petition of David Barclay praying an Abatement of Rent due on a Lot at Pecks Slip; was read and referred to the Committee on the Petition of Jacobus Van Zandt

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Neilson Ald$^{n}$ Lott and M$^{r}$ Ten Eyck be a Committee for the Assize of Bread & from time to time to report the Price of Flour.

On reading a Petition of Frederick Echart praying to be appointed Captain of the fire Engine near the German Church in [5] Montgomerie Ward it was ordered that the said Frederick Echart be and he is hereby appointed Captain of the said Engine in the Room of John Dash and that he nominate his Company & report them to this Board for Approbation.

Alderman Broome from the Committee on Accounts delivered in an Account of William Cowin for Work & Materials on
N° 2. issued the Repairs at the Slaughter House near the White Hall amounting to £2:2—And an Account of Rinier Skates for
N° 3. issued his Attendance & Services as City Marshall from the 15$^{th}$ Dec$^{r}$ last to the 15$^{th}$ Instant & for extra Services amounting to £6:13:4$^{d}$ both Audited; which were allowed of by the Board.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue a Warrant to the City Treasurer to pay the said Acc$^{ts}$ accordingly.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue a Warrant to the Treasurer of
N° 4 issued the City to advance to Rinier Skates the Sum of Ten Pounds on Account to be applied in defraying certain contingent Expences at the State House.

Ordered that Augustus Van Cortlandt Esq$^{r}$ late Clerk of the City & County of New York Do, on the Requisition of Robert Benson Esq$^{r}$ the present Clerk of the said City and County deliver to the said Robert Benson all and every the Books Records Papers Seals and [6] all other Matters & Things appertaining to the said Office.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Ivers, M$^{r}$ Van Gelder & M$^{r}$ Wool be a Committee to ascertain the Deficiency in the Corporation fire-Buckets and to agree with proper Persons for making the number necessary for supplying such Deficiency

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the House of John Simmon's Innholder in the said City on the 24th febv 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Thomas Randall | Esqrs Aldermen | Daniel Phœnix | Assistants |
| Thomas Ivers | | Henry Shute | |
| William W Gilbert | | Samuel Johnson | |
| Abraham P Lott | | Abraham Van Gelder | |
| John Broome | | John De Peyster | |

Richard Varick Esqr produced to the Board a Commission under the Great Seal of the State appointing him Recorder of the City and County of New York; which [7] being read he took his Seat accordingly

A Memorial of Henry Spingler praying that he might be exempted from paying certain Arrears of Rent due on certain Lots of Ground leased from the Corporation by John Planton; was read & rejected.

A Memorial of Alexander Lamb and several other Carmen of this City praying that they may be allowed to continue the Use of Iron Shod wheels; was read and referred to the Committee appointed to revise the late Ordinances.

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the State and Circumstances of the Lots belonging to this Corporation at the North River,* to have them surveyed, to receive proposals from Persons who may incline to lease such of them as may be vacant and to report the Result thereof to this Board And ordered that Mr Recorder, Aldn Lott Aldn Gilbert, Mr Van Gelder, Mr Johnson & Mr Phœnix be the Committee.

A Petition of Henry Tiebout, And a Petition of Francis Yeoman and Ebenezer Mathers praying Leases of Lots near the bear Market were respectively read & referred to the said Comtee

A Petition of John Kell an Inspector of Wood; praying that he may be stationed [8] at the New Slip/ at which Place he exercised that Office previous to the late War; was read and thereupon

Ordered that in consideration of John Kells having been stationed at the New Slip previous to the late War and his loss of an Arm/he do exercise the Office of Inspector of Wood at the New Slip in the stead of Gilbert Smith and that Mr Smith take Mr Kells place at Burlings Slip.

A Representation of Aaron Gilbert & Prentice Bowen Captains of

* Marginal note reads *Corporation Wharf.*—Ed.

the City Watch stating certain Regulations as necessary for the better Order and Government of the said Watch, was read and referred to Mr Mayor and Mr Recorder to take Order and give such further directions for the Government of the said Watch as they shall conceive proper and necessary.

Ordered that one of the Rooms in the Goal be prepared for the reception and Employment of lued and disorderly Women; and that Alderman Randal Alderman Gilbert & Aldn Broome be a Committee to direct the repairs necessary

A second Petition of Jacobus Van Zandt relative to certain Lotts, leased from the Corporation, on Enchlambergh, was read and referred to the committee on his Petition presented on the 17th Instant.

[9] On reading a Petition of Doctor Van Bueren

No 5 issued

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue a Warrant on the City Treasurer to advance to Doctor Peter Van Beuren on Account the sum of Twenty Pounds for his Attendance and Medicines at the Alms House.

A Petition of William J Elsworth* Engineer recommending Messrs John Stagg, Francis Bassett, Isaac Mead and John Quackenboss as his Assistants was read and approved of by the Board

Ordered that Messrs John Stagg Francis Bassett Isaac Mead and John Quackenboss be and they are hereby appointed Assistant Enginears accordingly

A Petition of Jacob Resler praying that the Improvements of a certain Lott of Ground in the North Ward, distinguished by Lott No 3 Leased by the Corporation to Michael Weaver and now in the possession of the said Jacob Resler, may be sold for the payment of the Arrears of Rent due to the Corporation and that he may be entitled to the overplus Money in discharge of a certain Demand which he hath against the said Michael Weaver, was read

Ordered that the Improvements on the said Lott of Ground be immediately Sold and that Alderman Ivers Mr Phœnix and Mr Johnson be a Committe[e] [10] for that purpose And also that they be empowered to offer the said Lott on a new Lease for Forty two Years at the rate of five Pounds per Annum for twenty one Years and seven Pounds per Annum for the Residue of the said Term.

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration such cases as shall from time to time be represented to them by the City Treasurer relative to any of the Corporation Lotts or Houses

* Marginal note reads *of Fire Engines.*—Ed.

on which there are Arrears of Rent due and that the said Committee do from time to time report the same with their Opinion as to the measures proper to be adopted

Ordered that Mr Recorder, Mr Johnson & Mr Wool be the Committee.

The Committee for auditing Accounts delivered in the following Accounts Audited which were respectively read and approved of by the Board Vizt

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| No 6. issued | An Account of Thomas Arden for sweeping Chimnies at the Goal Amounting to | £1: 0: 0 |
| No 7— issued | Of Anthony Ackley for a pair of Iron Dogs, Shovel & Thongs | £1: 2:— |
| No 8 issued | Of John Anderson for two Barrels of Oil | 12: 0: 0 |
| No 9 issued | Of Simon Schermerhorn for Oil | 6: 8: 0 |
| No 10 issued | Of James Hamilton & Co. for 14 Loads of Wood for the use of the Poor | 22: 8: 0 |
| No 11. issued | Of Henry Shute for Wood & carting and for Labour in cutts up an old Hulk for the use of the Poor | 6:10: 6 |
| No 12. issued | [11] Of Nicholas Coenrad & John Kemper for Glasiers Work on the public Lamps & to the Goal and Alms House | £76:11:10 |
| No 13 issued | Of John Targee for superintending the cutting & bringing in Wood from Philipsburgh for the use of the Poor Amounts to | £7:10: 0 |
| No 14 issued | Of John Van Alen and others for summoning the Inhabitants of the several Wards on Watch Amounting to | £37: 3:— |
| No 15 issued | Of William Deal & others for lighting the City Lamps amounting to | 21: 5:— |

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer for the payment of the said several Accounts accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Greswold presented on the seventeenth Instant delivered in the following report which was read and agreed to by the Board Vizt

"That they find the Lott No 1 mentioned in the said Petition was leased to Joseph Paulding April 30th 1759 and from him after different Assignments to sundry Persons was made over to Joseph Griswold the Elder who in June 1783 made over his right in the Improvements to Joseph Griswold the Younger—Lott No 29 was Leased to Edward Anderson and after different Assignments made over to Joseph Greswold [12] the Elder who made over his right *to* as above to Joseph Griswold the Younger Lott No 10 was leased to William Falk and after different Assignments made over to Joseph

Griswold the Elder and Younger—The above Lease expired 1st of May 1780. Ten Days after the Expiration of that Time the Improvements would have been Forfeited to the Corporation had they then existed—but as they were not then in being and no Person to whom he could apply for the renewal of his Lease—Your committee are of Opinion that Mr Griswold the Younger is entitled to the renewal of his Lease—or in case the Corporation should Demand a rent greater than what he chuses to give—In that case he has a right in Equity to take away the Improvements within Ten Days after Actual notice given—but as the said Griswold is willing to renew his Lease for 42 Years and Obligate himself to make considerable Improvements on the said Lotts on the following Conditions—Your Committee thinks it most for the Interest of the Corporation to accept of the Conditions That is to say the said Griswold to pay the Arrears of Ground rent until the Expiration of the Lease After which Time to pay at the rate of Eight pounds per Annum for each Lott until the [13] renewal of the Lease. Which they would recommend on the following Terms, for the first 21 Years at Six pounds per Lott per Annum the remainder of the Term for Eight pounds per Annum

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Leases for the said Lotts & lay them before this Board for their Inspection & Approbation accordingly.

City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at John Simmons in the said City on Thursday the 26th Febr 1784.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P. Lott | Esqrs Alderman | Daniel Phoenix | Assistants |
| John Broome | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Willm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Thomas Ivers | | Jeremiah Wool | |
| Thos Randall | | John De Peyster | |

Ordered that Mr Recorder be added to the Committee for revising the late Ordinances

Alderman Lott from the Committee for that purpose appointed reported the Price of Flour to be thirty Shillings per hundred Weight

Thereupon Ordered that the [14] Assize of Bread be as follows Vizt

A Loaf of good fine Flour to weigh one Pound twelve Ounces for Six pence estimating Coppers at the rate of fourteen to one Shilling.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the House of John Simmons Innholder on Tuesday the 2d Day of March 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Benjamin Blagge
William Neilson
John Broome
Thomas Ivers
Abraham P Lott
Thomas Randall
} Esqrs Aldermen

Thomas Ten Eyck
Samuel Johnson
Abraham Van Gelder
Jeremiah Wool
Daniel Phoenix
} Assistants

A Return of the Company belonging to the fire Engine No 12 whereof Frederick Echart is foreman, as recommended by Mr Echart, was read and approved of by the Board their [15] names are as follow vizt

George Peck
James Gleen
James Myers
Lewis Nicolls
Peter Thompson
Caleb Pell
Gerrit Van De Water
William McKenny
Nicholas Hilliman
John Coll
Francis Arden
Abraham Echart

Ordered that the said several Persons be appointed accordingly.

Ordered that Gilbert Smith be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Wood at the old Slip, in the Stead of Cornelius Myer, including the District from the West side of Murray's Wharf to Wells's Wharf inclusive And ordered that Adam Dobbs be & is hereby appointed to exercise that Office in the District from Byvanck's Wharf to Murray's Wharf inclusive.

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to report an Estimate of the Losses this Corporation have sustained in consequence of the late War and also to prepare & report the Draft of a Petition to the Legislature setting forth the same and praying that a part of the forfeited Property [16] within this City may be granted and applied to the use of this Corporation to enable them to defray the heavy Expences incident to the City

Ordered that Mr Recorder, Aldn Randall and Mr Ten Eyck be the Committee.

The Committee for auditing Accounts delivered in the following Accounts by them audited; which were read and approved of & allowed by the Board vizt

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| No 16th issued | An Account of Anthony Ackley for one Pair of Shovel & Tongs ..... | £1: 2:— |
| No 17th issued | Of Hughs & Franklin for a large Copper Kettle for the Goal ..... | 14: 6:— |

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| N° 18 issued | Of John Brower for covering the Table in the Court Room | £5: 5:— |
| N° 19 issued | Of John Davenport for carting Wood to the Alms House | 39:12:— |
| N° 20 issued | Of Peter Devoo for Services performed with a Pettiauger | 3: 4:— |

The Committee appointed to take into consideration such Cases as should from time to time be represented to them by the City Treasurer relative to any of the Corporation Lots or Houses on which there are Arrears of Rents due delivered in the following Report which was [17] read considered & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

1[st] That they had taken into consideration a Petition of Agnes Douglass of this City Widow " setting forth that Matthew Morris Innholder on the last Day of April 1759 obtained a Lease from the Corporation for a Lot of Ground in the Rear of the Goal House N° 32 reserving a Rent of £3 per Annum, that she took an Assignment of the Lease on the 3[d] October 1760, that during the War she was compelled to pay the Rent to John Smyth the then City Treasurer to wit £18 : 5— and praying that upon her paying the Residue of the Rent to the present City Treasurer her Lease may be renewed." And are of Opinion that on the payment of the whole Arrears of Rent due (without deduction of any Monies paid by her on that Account during the War) a new Lease be granted to her on the annual Rent of £6 for the first 21 Years & £8 for 21 Years thereafter.

2[d] That they have considered a Petition of James Purdy " setting forth that in the Year 1780 he obtained Permission from David Matthews to take possession of Lot N° 18. in Chatham Street which was then supposed to be vacant, but which as he since understood had been leased to Frederick Clyne before the War. That the City [18] Treasurer has demanded from him the whole Arrears of Rent due from Clyne—that he is willing to pay the Rent accrued since 1780 and as he has improved the Lot he cannot but conceive it hard to be charged with the whole Arrears of Rent " and are [of] Opinion that a Lease be granted to him on the Terms above mentioned.

3[d] That they have considered the Application of John Lockhart by Letter to M[r] Phœnix the City Treasurer " setting forth that during the War he was compelled to pay the Arrears of Rent of a Corporation House at Pecks Slip to certain Officers appointed by the british Government in this City and that his property had been seized and carried off " and are of Opinion that on his paying the whole Arrears of Rent without deduction as aforesaid a New Lease be granted to him for one Year reserving a Rent of fifty Pounds

4th That they have considered a Petition of Florence Crowley "setting forth that Richard Outenbogert on the 30th April 1765 obtained from the Corporation a Lease for Lot N° 108 on the East side of the Road leading from the Spring Garden to Kings Bridge nearly opposite to William Creelands for 21 Years at the annual Rent of £3 that on the 8th of [19] August 1769 he assigned that Lease and part of Lot N° 109 to John Ferguson, that on the 2d of May 1774 John Ferguson assigned over that lease to John Milldollar who has transferred his Right to the Petitioner; and praying a Grant or Lease for 21 Years from the expiration of the Term mentioned in the Lease first mentioned" and are of Opinion that a Lease be granted to him for 21 Years to commence the first May 1786—reserving an annual Rent of £4.

5th That they have considered the Petition of Leonard Fisher "setting forth that he is possessed of a Lease for two Lots of Ground N° 123 & 124 in Queen Street which were granted to Elias Smith for the Term of forty two Years, thirty two whereof are unexpired; and praying a Lease to himself therefor reserving the annual Rent of five Pounds for each Lot from the first Day of May next, and also praying a Lease for a vacant Lot N° 125" and are of Opinion that the Prayer of his Petition cannot be granted on any other Terms than his paying the whole Arrears of Rent on those Lots and a reserved annual Rent of £6 for each Lot.

6th That they have considered the Application of John Bowman and are of Opinion [20] that a Lease be granted to him of Lot N° 126 in King George Street for twenty one Years reserving an annual Rent of £6.

7 That they have considered the Memorial of Peter Hegeman "setting forth that he has been called upon for the Arrears of Rent for Lots N° 19 & 20 in Augustus Street which were leased to Henry Metcalf in 1779 & assigned to Nicholas Fletcher his father in Law, that the Lease expired in 1780 that he has considerable Demands against Nicholas Fletcher and praying a Lease for those Lots" and are of Opinion that on his paying the Arrears of Rent due to the Corporation a Lease be granted to him for 21 Years for those Lots reserving an annual Rent of Six Pounds in Trust nevertheless for Nicholas Fletcher to be assigned to him on his repaying to Mr Hegeman the Monies so advanced by him for the Rent

8th That they have considered the Petition of Ann Areson, and beg leave to report to the Board that Arrears of Rent are due to the Corporation from many meritorious Persons who have taken an active

& decided Part in the Cause of their Country & suffered all the Inconveniences of Exile and the Loss of all their Property; that many other Persons well affected to the Cause [21] of their Country (Lessees to this Corporation) who left this City in the Year 1776 have from Poverty and other unavoidable Misfortunes been obliged to return within the British Lines before the Peace took place and have been prevented from occupying their Habitations and deriving any Advantage from their leased Estates because of their Attachment to the American Cause, but upon Condition of their paying Rent to the Vestry or Mr Smyth their Treasurer. That in the first Case it will in the Opinion of the Committee, be inconsistent with the Rules of Equity to exact from such well attached returning Exiles the Rents which became in arrear from the time of their leaving the City in 1776 to the time of their occupying their respective Estates on the 25th Day of November last being the Day of the abandonment of the City by the British Troops.* That in the second Case the Committee are of Opinion, that no Rent ought, in Justice, to be exacted from the Citizens who were & continued well attached to the American Cause and who returned within the British Lines during the War and actually paid Rent to Mr Smyth for the period of time they actually paid Rent as aforesaid; And they are therefore of [22] Opinion that the Decision on Mrs Areson's Petition ought to be delayed until some general Line of Conduct be adopted by the Corporation in respect to such Cases.

The following Laws & Ordinances reported by the Committee were then passed & published & ordered to be printed in one of the public News Papers vizt

1 "A Law for the due observation of the Lords Day called Sunday." (here take in Law as amended)

2 "A Law to prevent Strangers from being a Charge to this Corporation" (as above)

3. "A Law to appoint Surveyors for this City"

4. "A Law for the better preventing of fire" (as above)

5. "A Law for marking of Bread" (as above)

6. "A Law for regulating Negroe & Molatto Slaves." (as above)

7. "A Law to regulate the Office of Guagers of Liquors and Packers of Beef & Pork" (as above)

8. "A Law for regulating the lying of Vessels in the Docks & Slips of this City & ascertaining the Rates to be paid for the same" (as above)

9. "A Law prohibiting Hawkers & Pedlars" (as above)

* Marginal note reads *Evacuation of the City by the British Troops Novemr 25. 1783.*—ED.

[23] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the House of John Simmons Innholder in the said City on Tuesday the 9th March 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge<br>Abraham P Lott<br>Thomas Randall<br>John Broome<br>Willm W Gilbert<br>Thomas Ivers | Esqrs Aldermen | Daniel Phœnix<br>Thomas Ten Eyck<br>John De Peyster<br>Samuel Johnson<br>Jeremiah Wool | Assistants |

The following Laws & Ordinances, reported by the Committee, were passed and published and ordered to be published in one of the Public News Papers vizt

10. "A Law for the regulation of Carts & Cartmen."

11 "A Law relative to the admission of Free-men."

12. "A supplementary Law to the Law entitled "an Ordinance for the due observation of the Lords Day called Sunday."

A Memorial of Aert Housman was read [24] setting forth that the Lease of Lot No 2 formerly granted to David Gobel; who is gone to Nova Scotia; is expired—that the said David Gobel is indebted to the Memorialist on Bond; and therefore praying that a new Lease of the said Lot may be granted to the Memorialist on his paying up the back Rent for such Term of Years as may in some Measure compensate him for the said Debt.

Ordered that the Improvements on the said Lot be sold at public Vendue to the highest bidder under the Direction of the City Treasurer & any one of the Alderman & any one of the Assistants at such Time as they shall appoint and that after deducting out of the Monies arising from such Sale the Amount of the Arrears of Rent due from the said Gobel, the Residue thereof be deposited in the Treasury for the Use of all his Creditors And it is further Ordered & agreed that the Purchasor of the said Lot shall be entitled to a New Lease for 21 or 42 Years at the Rent of £6 per annum for the first 21 Years & £8 for the residue of the Term.

[25] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the House of John Simmons Innholder in the City of New York on Thursday the 11th March 1784.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldermen: Benjamin Blagge, Thomas Randall, William Neilson, John Broome, Thomas Ivers, Abraham P Lott

Assistants: John De Peyster, Daniel Phœnix, Samuel Johnson, Jeremiah Wool, Thomas Ten Eyck

The following Petitions were respectively read and it was ordered that the consideration thereof be postponed to some future Meeting. vizt Of Frederick Jay—Of Jacob Clock—Of Jacobus Van Zandt & others—Of Gerardus Duyckinck & others—& Of Wendel Ham praying that the Quit Rents (become due during the War) may be abated. Of John Cochran praying a Grant or farther Compensation for a Water Lot at Beekmans Slip. Of Isaac Sears & John Blagge praying a Grant of the same Lot. Of a number of Inhabitants praying that Coenties Slip & the Wharfs may be [26] cleared & repaired. Of Robert Towt & Richard Tobe Hazard, praying to be appointed Inspectors of Soal Leather.

A Petition of Usal Crane & Andrew Durham praying a Grant or Lease of two vacant Lots (fronting King George Street) No 126 & 127—was read.

Ordered that a Lease be offered to the Petitioners for the said two Lots for 21 Years at the annual Rent of £4.

A Petition of John Campbell praying a Lease of two Lots on the Dock near the Bear Market was read & referred to Mr Recorder Aldn Lott & Gilbert & Messrs Johnson Van Gelder & Phœnix.

A Petition of Nichs Jones relative to the Lease of Lots No 11, 12 & 13 near the Goal was read

Ordered that a New Lease for 21 Years be offered to Mr Jones for the said Lots on Condition that he pay up the back Rents to the expiration of the former Lease & six Pounds per Annum from that time to the present & in future.

A Letter from Jacobus Van Zandt on the Subject of his farm on Enchlam Bergh was read & referred to the Committee to whom is referred his other Applications on that Subject.

A Petition of Mangel Minthorne praying a Compensation for certain Expences accrued in altering his House by reason of the digging

out the Street leading from the Goal to fresh-Water agreable to an order of the Corporation. was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

[27] Mr Phœnix informed the Board that Peter Hageman refused to accept of a New Lease for Lots No 19 & 20 in Augustus Street on the Terms mentioned in the Report of the Committee & approved by the Board on the 2d Instant whereupon it was ordered that the Treasurer with any of the Aldermen & assistants do expose to Sale at public Vendue the Improvements on the said two Lots of Ground

A Petition of Richard Norwood praying Permission to extend the Corner of his House (which he intends to build, fronting Queens & Fletcher Street) a few Inches on Fletcher Street; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the East Ward & to take to their assistance one of the City Surveyors.

A Petition of Peter Stoutenburgh praying to be appointed a Repacker of Beef & Pork.

Ordered that the said Peter Stoutenburgh be appointed a Repacker of Beef & Pork in this City.

A Memorial of John W Watkins praying a Grant of a certain Marsh in front of the Lands of the late John Watkins & Aaron Meyers & those of Charles Aitkin in the Township of Harlem; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the Out Ward & Mr Phœnix.

A Memorial of Henry Shute proposing to undertake the Superintendence of repairing the Roads was read & referred to Aldn Ivers Mr De Peyster & Mr Wool.

It being suggested to the Board that the Grantees of certain Water Lots lying in front of the Ground between the Exchange & Coenties Dock, claim a Right of receiving the Wharfage from the Docks & Bason in front of their respective Lots in exclusion of the Corporation.

Ordered that Mr Mayor & Mr Recorder enquire into the State of the Title of the said Grantees & report the same to this Board.

[28] Ordered that no allowance of abatement be made to any Person or Persons whomsoever who are Grantees of the Corporation, for any Rents which became due previous to the first Day of May 1776 or subsequent to the 25th Day of November last.

Ordered that Doctor Van Bueren do attend such of the indisposed Prisoners confined in Goal as have not the Means of obtaining Physicians at their own Expence

A Petition of Peter Truman praying to be appointed a Measurer within this City was read & considered. Thereupon ordered that Peter Truman be appointed a Measurer within this City accordingly

The following Laws & Ordinances were passed & published & ordered to be printed in one of the public News Papers viz[t].*

[29] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the House of John Simmons Innholder in the City of New York on Tuesday the 16[th] Day of March 1784.

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

Benjamin Blagge
Thomas Randall
John Broome
William Neilson
Thomas Ivers
William W Gilbert
} Esq[rs] Alderman

John De Peyster
Daniel Phœnix
Jeremiah Wool
Henry Shute
} Assistants

A Petition of Nicholas De Peyster praying an abatement of the Quit [rent] reserved on a Water Lot in the Out Ward which have become due during the late War; was read & referred to Aldermen Broome Randall & Ivers.

Alderman Broome from the Committee on the Petition of Richard Norwood, delivered in the following Report which was read considered and approved of by the Board viz[t] "That they have [30] in company with Gerard Bancker Esq[r] one of the City Surveyors, viewed the Ground prayed for, and are of Opinion that M[r] Norwood be permitted to build on & occupy a small Strip or Parcel of Ground on the easterly side of his present dwelling House, to measure fourteen Inches and an half in the front on Queen Street and to run southeasterly to a Point at the Distance of Sixteen feet back from the said Street—this addition to M[r] Norwoods Ground will enable him on rebuilding his House to carry the easterly side thereof in a streight Line back from the said Street."

The Board being informed that Gerard Bancker Esq[r] one of the Surveyors of this City, had signified, that by reason of his holding the Office of Treasurer of the State he could not with propriety or convenience any longer exercise the said Office of Surveyor & therefore begged leave to resign it.

Ordered that M[r] Banckers resignation be accepted; and on Motion of Ald[n] Broome

Ordered that M[r] John M[c]Comb be appointed one of the Surveyors of this City in the Stead of M[r] Bancker.

*No laws or ordinances follow the above entry.—Ed.

[31] The following Laws & ordinances were passed and published and ordered to be printed in one of the public News Papers viz[t]

"A Law for the speedy & effectual cleansing of the City"

A Law for altering and directing the Uses of the public Seals of this City"

A Law for the better securing this City from the Danger of Gun Powder."

The following Gentlemen were then, in pursuance of the said first mentioned Law, appointed Commissioners for carrying the same into execution viz[t]

| *South Ward* | *Dock Ward* |
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| Joseph Riggs<br>Sylvanus Seely<br>William Dean | William Gilbert<br>Coenrad W Ham<br>Garrit Harsen |
| *East Ward* | *West Ward* |
| Henry Bicker<br>Lawrence Embree<br>Francis Basset | Jacobus Bogert<br>Henry Roome<br>John Moore |
| *North Ward* | *Montgomerie Ward* |
| George Janeway<br>Stephen Steal<br>William Van De Water | Peter Schermerhorn<br>John Riker<br>Ephraim Brasher |

*Out Ward*

John Quackenboss
John Barnes
Elias Anderson

[32] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the House of John Simmons Innholder in the said City on Tuesday the 23[d] Day of March 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

Benjamin Blagge
Thomas Randall
Thomas Ivers
Abraham P Lott
John Broome
William W Gilbert
Wm Neilson
} Esq[rs] Aldermen

Daniel Phœnix
Abraham Van Gelder
Thomas Ten Eyck
Henry Shute
} Assistants

Ordered that the Committee for revising the Laws & Ordinances of this Corporation prepare a Law for extending the Law, relative to

Negro & molatto Slaves, to the whole of the Out ward. and also a Law for repairing the public Roads & Bridges in the Out Ward

The following Law and Ordinance was passed published and ordered to be printed in one of the public News Papers viz[t]

"A Law for paving the Streets and for preventing Nuisances within this City."

[33] M[r] Phœnix delivered in an Account of the Sales at public Auction of the Improvements on two Lots of Ground lying in Augustus & Thomas Street distinguished by Lots N° 19[th] & 20 formerly leased to Henry Metcalf and late in possession of Nicholas Fletcher, amounting after deducting £3:16 for Charges—to £253:4:—

Also an Account of the Sales of the Improvements on a Lot of Ground fronting Chatham Street distinguished by Lot N° 2 formerly leased to Joseph Paulding, amounting after deducting for Charges £3:16:—to £221:4:—which said Account was read & approved.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Leases to Peter Hagemen for the said two Lots N° 19 & 20 & to Abraham Brevort for the said Lot N° 2, for the Term of 21 Years @ £6 per Annum for each Lot.

A Letter from Abraham Duryee & Peter T Curtenius late Church Wardens of this City—covering their Account with this Corporation & praying that provision be made for paying them the whole or Part of the ballance due to them was read & referred to the Committee for auditing Accounts.

N° 21 issued — Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant to the City Treasurer to advance to Rinier Skates the Sum of five Pounds on Acc[t] for defraying certain contingent Expences at the State House. [34]

N° 22 issued — The like to pay Samuel Broome £71:17:11 for Six Cask spermaceti Oil.

City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the State House of the said City on Thursday the 25th Day of March 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldermen | Thomas Ten Eyck | Assistants |
| Thomas Randall | | Daniel Phœnix | |
| John Broome | | Samuel Johnson | |
| Abraham P Lott | | Henry Shute | |
| William W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| | | John De Peyster | |

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| No 23 issued | Ordered that the Mayor issue a Warrant to the Treasurer to advance to William Smith on Account for Blacksmiths [work] done at the Goal..... | £30:—:— |
| No 24 issued | The like to pay to Robert Lauton for four Cask Oil as pr his Acct audited & allowed by the Board..... | £50: 1: 4 |

Mr Phœnix reported the Circumstances of the following Lots belonging [to] the Corporation vizt

[35] Lot No 5 on the East side of Chatham Street formerly leased to Abm Ferdon—Lease expired in April 1780—Rent due thereon £71:10:—

No 6 adjoining the above Lot, leased to the same—lease expired as above—Rent due £71:10:—

No 11 & 12 Claimed by Nicholas Jones, lease expired as above. Rent due £

No 13 claimed by George Poalk.

No 14, 15 16 & 17 leased to William Creeland—expired in 1780.

No 104, 105 & 106—formerly leased to James Leary—expired in 1783. Rent due—£162.

No 18 in Colden Street leased to David Limbach (now claimed by the Widow Baker) amount of Rent due £44 of which Mrs Baker has lately paid £30 on Account.

Ordered that the Treasurer Mr Phœnix with the Alderman & Assistant of the North Ward & the Alderman of the West ward do expose to Sale at public Auction the Improvements on the said several Lots of Ground (excepting Lot No 18) & that the respective Purchasors shall be entitled to new Leases for 21 Years at the usual Rents reserved in such Cases—And that the Treasurer take Mrs Bakers Note of Hand payable in one year for the ballance of Rent due on Lot No 18 & charge the same to the Corporation & that she be entitled to a New Leese for the said Lot.

[36] The following Persons Residents in this City were admitted and sworn as Free Men & ordered to be registered viz[t]

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|---|---|---|---|
| William Conner | Cartman | Barnaby Bellisle | Cartman |
| Peter Vonck Jun[r] | D[o] | William Crawford | D[o] |
| James J Myers | D[o] | Nicholas Demarest | D[o] |
| Charles De Bavois | D[o] | Michael All | D[o] |
| Isaac Kipp | D[o] | David Cornwell | D[o] |
| Daniel Lambert | D[o] | Andrew Hamilton | D[o] |
| John Ten Broeck | D[o] | John Rains | D[o] |
| Francis Gendar | Do | Philip Fay | D[o] |
| James Connoly | D[o] | Robert Berwick | D[o] |
| Morris Earle | D[o] | John Meeker | D[o] |
| Isaac Blauvelt | D[o] | Elias Shell | D[o] |
| William Godwin | D[o] | James Blanchard | D[o] |
| Thomas Skaats | D[o] | Thomas Tompkins | D[o] |
| John Pearce | D[o] | Henry Rhinebecker | D[o] |
| Nicholas Hilman | D[o] | Thomas Ferdon | D[o] |
| James Myers Jun[r] | D[o] | John Van Der Hoof | D[o] |
| John Henning | D[o] | John Leonard | D[o] |
| Isaac Brower | D[o] | Abraham Van Tuyl | D[o] |
| Adam Wendel | D[o] | James Collard | D[o] |
| William Patterson | D[o] | Peter Freer | D[o] |
| Casparus Blanck | D[o] | John Van Varick | Baker |
| David C Demarest | D[o] | Alexander Buchannan | Cartman |
| James Campbell | D[o] | Reuben Frazee | D[o] |
| John Johnson | D[o] | John Johnson | D[o] |
| Alexander Van Evesen | D[o] | James Adams | D[o] |
| Alexander Dugan | D[o] | Daniel Ruckel | D[o] |
| Thomas Dick | D[o] | Abraham Martling | D[o] |
| Ivy Muckleworth | D[o] | John Osman | D[o] |
| John C Philips | D[o] | John Ross | D[o] |
| Daniel Davenport | D[o] | Bartholomew Skaats | Silver Smith |
| [37] Anthony Clauson | D[o] | Harmanus Skaats | Measurer |
| James Black | D[o] | | |

M[r] Mayor represented to the Board that he had been directed by the Senate to inform them that a Bill entitled "An Act for removing Doubts which may have arisen from the late Invasion and the Disorders thereby occasioned respecting the Charter Rights and Privileges granted to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York" had been sent up by the Assembly for their concurrence, that the said Bill contained a Clause for vesting the Power & Authority (heretofore vested by the Charter in the Mayor) of licensing & appointing the Marshalls Porters, Carriers, Cartmen, Carmen, Packers, Cullers, Common Cryers, Scavengers, in the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty in Common Council convened. Upon due Consideration whereof

Resolved that the said Amendment will be very inconvenient to this Corporation

And ordered that Mr Recorder and the Aldermen & Assistants sign & present a Petition to the Legislature setting forth the Inconveniences which would attend such Alteration and praying that the said Amendment may not take effect.

[38] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the State of the said City on Tuesday the 30th Day of March 1784.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| John Broome | Esqrs Aldermen | Thomas Ten Eyck | Assists |
| William Neilson | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Thomas Randall | | Saml Johnson | |
| Abm P Lott | | Jer. Wool | |
| | | John De Peyster | |

The following Persons were sworn and admitted as Freemen of the City & ordered to be registered vizt

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| John Harriot | Cartman | Daniel Fagen | Tallow Chandler |
| Peter Peters | Do | Cornelius Van Derhoof | Cartman |
| William Beekman | Do | Abraham Kneckerbacker | Do |
| John Chambers | Do | John Day | Do |
| Charles Jellard | Do | William Smith | Do |
| John Cassity | Do | James Davis | Do |
| Samuel Clark | Do | James Ryckman | Do |
| Jonathan Concklin | Do | Samuel Quackenboss | Do |
| Peter Hardenbrook | Do | John Baldridge | Do |
| John Hays | Do | Andrew Meyers | Do |
| James Johnson | Do | Abraham Lafoy | Do |
| John Davenport | Do | Albartus Tiebout | Do |
| James Davenport | Do | Paulus Banta | Do |
| Joseph Demarest | Do | Gideon Sprague | Do |
| Richard Johnson | Do | Nicholas Grub | Do |
| Caleb Ward | Do | Abraham Moore | Do |
| Joseph Ely | Do | Herman Van Rypen | Do |
| Moses Ely | Do | Michael Faech | Do |
| Isaac Holsey | Do | Tunis Dalsen | Do |
| John Valentine | Do | Abraham Day | Do |
| [39] Thomas Gardner | Do | Jonas Woods | Do |
| Matthias Kerby | Do | Francis Parsman | Do |

A Petition of the Minister Elders & Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of this City; and a Petition of the Minister Elders and Deacons of the United Presbytirian Congregation in this

City—the former praying a remittance of the Rent on a certain Piece of Ground in Montgomerie Ward which became due during the late War, & the latter praying the like respecting the Piece of Ground whereon the New Brick Presbyterian Church is erected and also an abatement of Rent in future; were respectively read & the consideration thereof postponed until some future Meeting

A Petition of Peter P Van Zandt Esq$^{r}$ praying a Grant of the Water Lot in front of his dwelling House in the East Ward; was read & ordered as above.

A Petition of William Haskin & a Petition of Andrew Thompson Jun$^{r}$, praying leases of certain Lots at the North River near the Corporation Dock; were respectively read & referred to M$^{r}$ Recorder Alderman Gilbert Ald$^{n}$ Lott M$^{r}$ Van Gelder, M$^{r}$ Johnson & M$^{r}$ Phœnix.

A Petition of Andrew Thompson and Joseph Cheeseman praying leases for three certain [40] Lots fronting Chatham Street formerly occupied by James Leary, was read & referred to M$^{r}$ Recorder M$^{r}$ Wool & M$^{r}$ Johnson.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 1$^{st}$ Day of April 1784.

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Ab$^{m}$ P Lott | Esq$^{rs}$ Alderm$^{n}$ | Dan$^{l}$ Phœnix | Assists |
| Tho$^{s}$ Randall | | Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck | |
| John Broome | | Sam$^{l}$ Johnson | |
| W$^{m}$ Neilson | | Jer. Wool | |
| | | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder | |

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as freemen of the City & ordered to be registered viz$^{t}$

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Isaac King | Cartman | John J Myers | Gent |
| Thomas Kelly | D$^{o}$ | George Gillespy | Cartman |
| David Morgan | D$^{o}$ | William Waldron | D$^{o}$ |
| Aaron Jenkins | D$^{o}$ | James Carter | D$^{o}$ |
| Abraham Ely | D$^{o}$ | David Willis | D$^{o}$ |
| William Day | D$^{o}$ | John M Tier | D$^{o}$ |
| John Porter | D$^{o}$ | Jehiel Ferris | D$^{o}$ |
| Samuel Thistle | D$^{o}$ | Francis Moore | D$^{o}$ |
| Peter Van Orden | D$^{o}$ | Moses Egbert | D$^{o}$ |
| Henry Crum | D$^{o}$ | Elias Romine | D$^{o}$ |
| Joseph Deacon | D$^{o}$ | Matthew Van Derhoof | D$^{o}$ |
| Joseph Hinds | D$^{o}$ | Peter Westervelt | D$^{o}$ |
| Jacob Bogert | D$^{o}$ | Jacob Wendel | D$^{o}$ |

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| [41] | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue a Warrant on the Treasurer | |
| No 25 issued | to pay John McComb for Mason Work & Materials at the Barracks & Goal as pr his Account audited by the Committee & allowed of by the Board—amounts to.... | £4:13: 6 |
| No 26 issued | The like to pay Daniel Shaw for Provisions, Wood & Candles furnished the Prisoners in Goal/ as pr his Acct audited & allowed by the Board—amounts to..... | £162:19:11 |
| No 27 issued | The like to pay John Hoghland for leathern Caps for City Watchmen as pr his Acct audited and allowed by the Board—amounts to ..... | £20:12: 6 |
| No 28 issued | The like to advance Samuel Gilford on Acct of Interest due him for Monies loaned to the Corporation..... | £200:—:— |
| No 29 issued | The like to pay Alexr Lamb for himself & others Cartmen for carting Wood for the use of the Poor as pr his Acct audited & allowed by the Board..... | £44: 8:— |
| No 30 issued | The like to pay John Brower for upholterers Work & materials, in the Common Council Chamber as pr his Acct audited & allowed by the Board..... | £16: 5: 6 |
| No 31 issued | The like to Kamp Ayers for sweeping Chimnies at the City Hall, Goal & Barracks as pr his Account audited & allowed by the Board..... | £2:18: 6 |
| No 32 issued | The like to Richard Deane for 11 Loads Wood had of him for the use of the Poor as pr his Acct audited & allowed by the Board..... | £17:12:— |
| No 33 issued | The like to Van Zandt & Lott for Blankets for the use of the Poor House, as pr their Acct audited & allowed by the Board..... | £28:15:— |
| [42] | The like to Henry Shute for sundry Disbursements in | |
| No 34 issued | cutting & carting Pickets for fuel for the Poor as pr his Acct audited & allowed by the Board..... | £5:19:— |
| No 35 issued | The like to Robert Manley for Constables Staffs as pr his Acct audited & allowed by the Board..... | £5:16:— |
| No 36 issued | The like to Isaac Selover for Rum & Candles served to the military Guard at the Goal/ as pr his Acct audited & allowed by the Board..... | £5:14: 8 |
| No 37 issued | The like to Daniel Niven for Work & Materials on Repairs at the Goal, Bridewell & Hospital/ as per his Acct audited & allowed as above..... | £192:15: 3 |
| No 38 issued | The like to the same for Carpenters Work at the Barracks & Fort. as pr his Acct audited & allowed as above ..... | £53: 8:— |
| No 39 issued | The like to Stephen Coles & Co for 17 Loads of Oak Wood for the use of the Poor/ as pr his Acct audited and allowed as above..... | £25:10:— |
| No 40 issued | The like to John Arden for Work & Materials on Repairs at the City Hall & the Goal & for appraizing Pickets &c for fewel for the use of the Poor as pr his Acct audited & allowed as above..... | £14: 5: 6 |

Aldermen Randall & Broome who were appointed a Committee on the Subjects of Jacobus Van Zandts Petition delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"That the Amount of ground Rent due on his Lot at Enchlambergh is fifty two Pounds Sixteen shillings to the first of May 1776 on which he has paid fifty one Pounds. That the Amount of Quit Rent due on his [43] Water Lot to March 1776 is eighty four Pounds on which he has paid thirty one Pounds nine shillings; and an Account of Logs delivered for the use of the Corporation amounting to twenty eight Pounds ten Shillings which they think ought to be allowed him. Which two Sums remaining due amount[s] to £25:17:3 the Committee are of Opinion ought to be paid; and his Claim of abatement of Rent to remain suspended until a general Rule of Settlement takes Place with respect to those who have not enjoy'd their Estates during & been Sufferers in the late War."

A Petition of Mary Fletcher & a Petition of Peter Hegeman praying that the Monies arising from the Sale of the Improvements on the Ground of Nich[s] Fletcher (after deducting the Corporation's demand for Rent) may be paid to them respectively were read & the consideration thereof postponed. And a Petition of Jos. Clements and Ja[s] Woodhull was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist of Montgomerie Ward & M[r] Phœnix.

City of New York } ss At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 6[th] Day of April 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

Abraham P Lott
Thomas Randall
William W Gilbert
John Broome
Thomas Ivers
} Esq[rs] Aldermen

[44] Thomas Ten Eyck
Daniel Phœnix
} Assistants

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as freemen of this City and ordered to be registered. viz[t]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Silvanus Seely | Carpenter | Joseph Keens | Innholder |
| Ezekiel Crane | D[o] | Elijah Wedge | public Cryer |
| William Campbell | Cartman | Walter King | Cartman |
| William Ludlam | D[o] | Herman Chapple | D[o] |
| Michael Sandford | D[o] | Henry Foreman | D[o] |
| Cornelius Verdenbergh | D[o] | John Sidman | D[o] |
| Enos Tomkins | D[o] | John Turnier | D[o] |
| Nicholas Davison | D[o] | John Fritz | D[o] |

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| Stephen Hadley | Cartman | Walter Dougall | Cartman |
| Nicholas Harry | Do | Abraham Delameter | Do |
| Andrew Shoe | Do | Albert G Bogert | Do |
| John Van Dervoort | Do | Charles Maston | Do |
| Nicholas Concklin | Do | James West | Do |
| Nathaniel Lane | Do | John Stilwell | Do |
| Henry Barns | Do | William Phillips | Do |
| George Williams | Do | Andrew Jennings | Do |
| Henry Bloom | Do | John McFall | Do |
| Henry Van Derhoof | De | John Ackerman | Do |
| Isaac Coe | Do | Francis Colegrove | Do |
| William Hawks | Do | | |

[45] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 14th Day of April 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Thomas Randall, John Broome, Thomas Ivers, William W Gilbert } Esqrs Aldermen
Thomas Ten Eyck, Daniel Phœnix, Samuel, Johnson, Jeremiah Wool, Abm Van Gelder } Assistts

Agreed and Ordered that the lower part of the building commonly called the Exchange be used (until further Orders from this Board) as a public Market Place and that the Alderman & Assistant of the South Ward be a Committee to superintend and direct such Repairs as may be necessary to the Bridge at the aforesaid Building at the Expence of this Corporation.

Ordered that the Assize of bread be two Pounds of the finest Flour, for Six Pence estimating Coppers at 14 to a Shillg—flour at 2/6/ pr CWt

[46] Alderman Randall laid before the Board for their consideration a Petition to the honorable the Legislature signed by some of the Proprietors of the Ground lying between Beaver and Dock Streets in the South Ward of this City (the Buildings and Improvements on the said Ground being all destroyed by the late fire while the British Forces were in possession of this City) praying a Law for the appointment of Commissioners for laying out the said Ground on a new Plan agreable to a Map or Chart thereof accompanying the said Petition.

The Board accordingly took the said Petition & Map or Chart into consideration.

Whereupon it was Resolved as the Opinion of this Corporation that if a Law should be passed to grant the Prayer of the said Peti-[ti]on, it will be productive of great Advantage to the Proprietors of the said Ground and conduce to the beauty, healthfulness and safety of that part of the City.

Agreed that Christopher Collis be permitted to occupy & use the Room in the North End of the Building commonly called the Exchange until the further order of the Corporation

It being conceived that the licensing of a proper number of Persons to be imployed [47] in this City with Wheel Barrows & hand Carts as Porters would be attended with great Convenience & saving of Expence to the Inhabitants.

Agreed that it be recommended to M$^{r}$ Mayor to license such number as he may judge necessary & proper accordingly

A Petition of Dirck Leffertse—A Petition of James Beekman—and a Petition of Christian Beekman Widow of John Beekman Jun$^{r}$ dec$^{d}$ praying an Abatement of the Quit Rent which became due during the War on certain Water Lots granted by the Corporation; were respectively [read] & the consideration thereof postponed unto some future Meeting.

A Petition of Gosen Ryerse praying that he may be permitted to continue in the occupa[tion] & use of a building erected during the War at Moore's Wharf, or that he may be permitted to remove the same—And a Petition of Robert Thomas praying an abatement of Rent become due during the War on a Lot leased from the Corporation; were respectively read & rejected.

A Petition of Pardon Burlingham praying a renewal of the Lease of three Lots of the Corporation formerly occupied by the Widow Archer at the upper End of Queen Street; A Petition of John Poalk praying an abatement of Rent which became due during the War, on Lot N$^{o}$ 13—And a Petition of Peter Byvanck praying an [48] abatement of Quit Rent, which became due during the War, on certain Water Lots formerly belonging to John Bogert dec$^{d}$ were read & [it] was agreed that from the peculiar Circumstances attending the Cases, the Prayers of the said Petitions cannot be granted.

A Memorial of George Lindsay praying that some Measures may be taken relative to the Dock at Thurmans Slip; was read and referred to Alderman Gilbert and M$^{r}$ Van Gelder

A Petition of Gilbert Smith & others Inspectors of Wood praying that their Allowance for their Services may be augmented was read & referred to the Committee for revising the Laws.

A Petition of Jacobus Leffertse praying a Grant of the Water Lot fronting his House & Lot on Burnets Key was read & referred to Alderman Broome & Mr Phœnix.

A Petition of Adolph Waldron praying that, by Reason of his great Losses sustained in consequence of the War, the Corporation will be pleased to permit him to enjoy the remaining Term of his Lease, for Brucklyn ferry, unexpired and that they will also be pleased to make such [49] an Addition to his Time as will compleat the Term of five Years from the 25th Day of March past; was read & the Prayer thereof granted.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to Mr Waldron accordingly

Ordered that Joseph Peirson be & he is hereby appointed an Inspector & Measurer of Timber Boards & Shingles—that Ebenezer Young be & is hereby appointed a Measurer of Ship Timber that Charles Gilmore be & is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain &c & that Frederick Steymets be & is hereby appointed a Measurer of Lime in this City

A certificate in favor & an Application of Abm Ten Eyck to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &c was read & rejected.

Mr Phœnix delivered in the follows State of several of the Corporation Lots vizt

Lots No 120, 121 & 122 were granted to Moses Sherwood June 21st 1762 for 21 Years which expired in 1783 subject to the yearly Rent of £4 each Lot—the amount of arrears of Rent due is to the

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| 1st June 1772 | £12:—:— |
| from 1772 to 1783—11 Yrs @ £12 | 132:—:— |
| from 83 to 1784—1 Yr @ 6 | 18:—:— |
| | £162:—:— |

Lot No 18 was leased to frederick Kline the 1st June 1762—no Improvements having been [50] made thereon the Rent has remained unpaid—the Lease expired in 1783.

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| Arrear of Rent due—to 1st June 1772 | £40:—:— |
| to June 1783—11 Yrs @ £4 | 44:—:— |
| to Do 1784 | 6:—:— |
| | £90:—:— |

Ordered that the Chamberlain dispose of the Improvements on the said Lots at public Vendue & that the Purchasors be entitled to New Leases for twenty one Years @ £6, per annum for each Lot.

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| | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue a Warrant on the City to pay John Simmons for his Acct (for Expences attending the Corporation meeting at his House during the last Winter) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board amounts to | £61:13: 4 |
| No 41. issued | | |
| No 42. issued | The like to advance Rinier Skaats, for defraying certain contingent Expences at the City Hall | £5:—:— |
| No 43. issued | The like to Furman & Lamb for their Acct (of glazing at the Goal) audited & allowed as above | £47:10: 3 |
| No 44. issued | The like to John Johnson for his Acct for Wood for the Poor House audited & allowed as above | £5:12:— |
| No 45. issued | The like to George Taylor for his Account (for Work in breaking up an old Hulk for fewel for the Poor House) audited and allowed as above | £2: 8:— |
| No 46. issued | The like to Henry Bicker for his Acct (in superintends the above Service) audited & allowed as above | £2: 8:— |
| [51] No 47. issued | The like to Richard Smith for his Account (for Carpenters Work & Materials at the City Hall) audited & allowed as above | £28: 3: 3 |
| No 49. issued | The like to Joseph Young for his Account (for Carpenters Work at the Goal) audited & allowed as above | £7:16:— |
| No 48. issued | The like to Peter Schermerhorn for his Acct (for Oil & for Spikes &c at the Goal) audited & allowed as above | £46:16: 1 |
| No 50 issued | The like to Rose & Griswold for their Acct (for Wood for the Poor House) audited and allowed as above | £9:12:— |
| No 51 issued | The like to James Fream for his Account (of Labor in breaks up an old Hulk for fewel for the Poor) audited & allowed as above | £2: 2:— |

[52] City of New York } ss. At a Meeting at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the fifteenth Day of April 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Thomas Randall
John Broome
Thomas Ivers
William Neilson
} Esqrs Aldermen

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as freemen of the said City & ordered to be registered. vizt

| | | | |
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| Abijah Wells | Cartman | John Longtown | Cartman |
| Richard Allison | do | William Sloan | do |
| Ebenezer Hudson | do | John Shaver | do |
| William Mitchel | do | William Noble | do |
| John Van Orden | do | Robert Giles | do |
| John Huthwait | do | Hendrick Bogert Junr | do |
| Jonathan Wheeler | do | Jonathan Belcher | do |

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| John Brown | Cartman | James Egberts | Cartman |
| George Sparlen | do | Robert Thomas | do |
| Peter Snyder | do | Matthew Musty | do |
| James Throckmorton | do | John Foot | do |
| William Anderson | do | William Connoly | do |
| Epaphras Cook | do | Elijah Crane | do |
| Edward Fowler | do | Peter Smith | do |
| Luke Terboss | do | Abraham Demarest | do |
| William Anden | do | Philip Jordan | do |
| David Walker | do | | |
| John Heron | do | | |
| Joseph Ranson | do | | |

[53] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 22d Day of April 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Samuel Johnson | Assts |
| Thomas Randall | | Jeremiah Wool | |
| Abraham P Lott | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Thomas Ivers | | John De Peyster | |

The following Persons were admitted & sworn as Freemen of the City & ordered to be registered vizt

| | | | |
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| James Alexander | Cartman | Daniel Baldwin | Cartman |
| Clarkson Manning | do | John Walker | do |
| Harman Beekman | do | David Parker | do |
| William Cummins | do | John Roe | do |
| Daniel McCleary | do | George Gosman | Mason |

On Motion of Mr Recorder

Ordered that Mr Phœnix the present Chamberlain do take the most speedy and effectual Measures to discover where all and every part of the Real Estate of this Corporation now lies by whom every part of it hath been occupied during the late [54] War, by whom the same and every part thereof is now occupied; how long the present & respective late Tenants who have occupied the same during the War or since & who now occupy have respectively possessed the same. Whether the Leases thereof are expired & how long since they have expired If any of the Leases are not yet expired the Terms yet to come & unexpired— That he enquire also of the Rents reserved on the late & yet unexpired Leases, And that he report from time to time to this Board in writing his Progress in this Business And that in consideration of his perform-

ing these Duties he receive such Compensation from the Corporation as shall be a reasonable & ample Reward for his Services

Ordered that Aldermen Randall & Ivers & Mr Shute be a Committee for altering and laying out & keeping in Repair the public Roads in the Harlem Division of the Out Ward of this City.

It being suggested to the Board that the Neighbours & Butchers at the Fly Market were desirous of covering the Slip at the lower end of the said Market & extending the said Market over the said Slip to the Bridge across the same to make Room for the Country People who bring Produce thereto [55] for sale and that the said Neighbours and Butchers would contribute towards defraying the Expence thereof

Ordered that Mr Recorder Alderman Broome & Mr Phœnix be a Committee to superintend & direct the addition to be made to the said Market accordingly

Ordered that Aldermen Lott & Ivers & Mr Van Gelder be a Committee to procure & agree with a proper Person as keeper of the Bridewell.

Ordered that (where the Proprietors of Lots are too indigent to remove the filth & Dirt which may have been collected thereon at their private Expence) the Commissioners cause it to be done at the Corporation Expence.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the South, Dock East & Montgomerie Wards be a Committee to view the several public Slips in this City & report the Improvements and Repairs necessary

Mr Phœnix reported that the Lease of Lot No 132 in King George Street formerly let to Edward Carroll, expires the 1st May next & that there is Rent due thereon to the Amount of £30

[56] Ordered that he dispose of the Improvements on the said Lot at public Vendue to the highest Bidder & that the Purchasor be entitled to a New Lease for 21 Years @ £4 per annum

Mr Phœnix delivered in an Acct of the Sales of the Improvements of the following Lots vizt

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| Lots No 104, 105 & 106 to Peter Knell the neat Proceeds whereof is | | | £38: 4:— |
| Lot No 6 to James Bradey— | Nt Proceeds..... | | 43:—:— |
| Lots No 14, 15, 16, & 17 to Wm Valleau | do | ..... | 231:12:— |
| Lots No 120, 121 & 122, to Gabl Furman | do | ..... | 349:—:— |
| Lot No 5 to —— Lucam..... | | | 131:12:— |
| | | | £794: 8:— |

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Leases for the above Lots accordly

[57] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the thirtieth Day of April 1784

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldermen | Saml Johnson | Assts |
| Thos Randall | | Danl Phœnix | |
| John Broome | | Am Van Gelder | |
| William W Gilbert | | Thomas Ten Eyck | |

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting having requested that the said Committee be enlarged Ordered that Aldn Lott and Mr Johnson be added to the Comtee

The following Law & Ordinance was passed & published & ordered to be printed to wit.

"A Law to regulate the public Markets within the City of New York & to prevent the forestalling of Provisions."

A Petition of Thomas Arden & others residing near the Slaughter House complaining of it as a great Nuisance & praying that it may be removed; And a Petition of Richard Dean with Proposals for erecting a Slaughter House on his Estate at the North River were severally read & the consideration thereof postponed to a future Meeting.

[58] A Petition of Robert Murray praying an abatement of Rent due on his farm at Inchlam Bergh; was read and rejected.

A Petition of several Inhabitants of this City praying permission to occupy the Room (formerly the Library Room) in the City Hall for a School was read

Ordered that the Prayer of the Petition be granted during the pleasure of the Corporation

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| | Ordered that Mr Recorder issue a Warrant on the Treas- | |
| No 52 issued | urer to pay James McCullen for Tubs & Pails for the use of the Goal as pr his Acct audited by the Committee & allowed of by the Board..... | £19: 4:— |
| No 53 issued | The like to William Parker for glazing Lamps as pr his Acct audited & allowed as above..... | £22:15: 3 |
| No 54 issued | The like to Abm Johnson for fifty fire Buckets as pr his Acct audited & allowed as above..... | £20:—:— |
| No 55 issued | The like to Robt Lawson for 10 Cask of Oil as pr his Acct audited & allowed as above..... | £121:16: 4 |
| No 56 issued | The like to Rose & Griswold for Wood for the Poor as pr their Acct audited & allowed as above..... | £6:—:— |
| No 57 issued | The like to Boyd & Hervey for repairing Locks at the Goal as pr their Acct audited & allowed as above..... | £8:16:— |

[59] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 11th Day of May 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Alds | Saml Johnson | Assists |
| Abm P Lott | | Thomas Ten Eyck | |
| Thomas Randall | | Henry Shute | |
| John Broome | | Daniel Phœnix | |
| William W Gilbert | | Jeremiah Wool | |
| Thomas Ivers | | | |

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City & ordered to be registered. vizt

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| Peter Shultz | Cartman | Ryer J Ryers's | Cartman |
| Henry Birdsall | Do | Abraham Tucker | Do |
| Cornelius Post | Do | John Peter Westman | Do |
| Dirck Brinckerhoff Junr | Do | Andrew Van Alen | Do |
| Abraham Riker | Do | Jonathan Ross | Do |
| Matthew Riker | Do | Cornelius Paulding | Do |
| John McGill | Do | Aaron King | Do |
| Jacob Bentchosen | Do | James Gibson | Do |
| Jacob Storm | Do | Wright Carpenter | Do |
| Benjamin Horn | Do | William Person | Do |
| Casparus Romine | Do | Hendrick C Bogardus | Do |
| Peter Bogert | Do | James Patterson | Do |
| William Davids | Do | William Davison | Do |
| William Van Voort | Do | Izrael Pearsall | Do |
| [60] James Johnson | Do | Zebediah Ward | Do |
| Samuel Scudder | Do | John Foreman | Do |
| John Johnson | Do | Joseph Russel | Do |
| Rinier Skaats Junr | Do | David Young | Do |
| Wilhelmus Van Houten | Do | Jacob Dalmadge | Do |
| William Birdsall | Do | James Covenhoven | Do |
| Jacob Marselius | Do | John Bowman | Do |
| Lawrence Buskirk | Do | George Alizon | Do |
| James Gillespy | Do | Thomas Bushfield | Do |
| Peter Mauritsen | Do | John Purdy | Do |
| Martin Morrison | Do | Daniel Ackerman | Do |
| John All | Do | Malcom Buchannan | Do |
| Matthew Granger | Do | John Turner | Do |

It being the Opinion of the Board that certain Amendments are necessary to the Law relative to Molatto & Negro Slaves

Ordered that Mr Recorder & Aldermen Broome & Gilbert be a Committee to revise the said Law & report the Amendments accordingly. Ordered that the same Committee take into consideration & report a Reform for the City Watch

In pursuance of the Act entitled "An Act for the appointment of a Commissioner of Exise in the City & County of New York and other Purposes therein mentioned.

The Board proceeded to the appointed of a Commissioner of Excise for this City & County and thereupon

Resolved that Abraham P Lott Esq$^{r}$ be and hereby is appointed Commissioner of Excise accordingly.

[61] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 12$^{th}$ Day of May 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

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| Benj$^{n}$ Blagge | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck | Ass$^{ts}$ |
| Ab$^{m}$ P Lott | | Sam$^{l}$ Johnson | |
| John Broome | | Jer. Wool | |
| Tho$^{s}$ Randall | | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder | |
| Tho$^{s}$ Ivers | | | |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | | |

James Emmans was admitted & sworn a Freeman & ordered to be registered

M$^{r}$ Mayor informed the Board that (during his late absence from the City) at the Court of General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace held for this City & County the Grand Jurors had delivered in a Presentment against the public Slaughter House near fresh Water as a Nuisance & that the Court had adjudged the same to be no longer used for that purpose.

A Petition of Richard Varian, a Petition of the Butchers & a Petition of a number of Inhabitants residing near the said Slaughter [House] ; praying that the Slaughtering of Cattle may be continued at that Place were read.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Wool & all the other Assistants or the Major part of them be a Committee to consult Council on the [62] Subject of the said Presentment & that they report the Measures proper to be taken by the Corporation on this Occasion.

A Petition of Peletiah Hawes formerly one of the City Measures praying to be reappointed to that Office was read

Ordered that the said Peletiah Hawes be & is hereby appointed one of the Measures accordingly.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder & Ald$^{n}$ Randall Blagge & Ivers be a Committee to enquire into the State of the Corporation Lands in the

Out Ward & report all such Persons as they find in possession thereof or as have made any Encroachments thereon.

Alderman Broome from the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Fly Market reported "that they had attended to the Business of their Appointmt and that upon a careful view thereof they were of opinion that it would greatly conduce to the public convenience and advantage to have the Market on the southeast side of Water Street extended to the Bridge across the lower end of the Slip near the ferry Stairs & that the said Bridge be repaired & encreased in Width about four feet—that the Slip be filled up on each side leaving a Passage sufficient to carry off the Dirt & Filth [63] which may be collected from the different Parts of the City which natu[r]ally leads to the upper end of the fly Market into the East River And that the Market thus extended be covered in the same Manner as the lower end of the said Market now is". which Report was read and agreed to by the Board

Thereupon Ordered that Mr Recorder & the Aldn & Assist of the East Ward be & they are appointed a Committee to carry the Matters contained in the said Report into execution.

Ordered that Mr Abraham Van Gelder be allowed for his Services & Care in directing & superintending the City Lamps (including storage for Oil &c) at the Rate of Sixty Pounds per Annum

Ordered that Aldn Lott & Ivers and Mr Johnson be a Committee to confer with Wm Slow on his Terms as keeper of the Bridewell.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assists of the South & West Wards be a Committee to superintend & direct the cleaning out & putting in repair the public Wells & Pumps in those Wards.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assists of [64] Montgomerie & the East Ward be a Committee to superintend & direct the repairs necessary to the Market at Pecks Slip

Ordered that the Committee appointed on the 24th febv last to receive Proposals for leasing the Corporation Lots at the North River as shall appear to be vacant be authorized & directed to expose to sale at public Vendue to the highest Bidder under their Direction the said Lots—that the respective purchasers be entitled to Leases for the same for twenty one Years subject to such annual Rent as by the said Committee shall be deemed adequate & to be made a part of the Conditions of Sale And further that the Improvements which shall be made on the said Lots shall at the Expiration of the said Term be valued by three indifferent Persons & if the Corporation & the Lessees cannot

agree on a future Rent then the Corporation to take the Improvements at such valuation.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Bond from this Corporation to Miss Elizth Crook for Amount of the Principal & Interest of her Bond agt this Corporation.

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| [65] No 58 issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Abraham Johnson the Sum of £20 in full of his Acct for Buckets made—audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £20:—:— |
| No 59 issued | Ordered the like to advance Rinier Skaats for defraying certain contingent Expences at the City Hall..... | £5:—:— |
| No 60 issued | The like to advance John Alsop the Sum of three hundred Pounds on Acct in part of Interest due on his Bond (dated 6th June 1771) against this Corporation ..... | £300:—:— |
| No 61 issued | The like to pay Abm Van Gelder for an Acct of sundry Lamplighters from 26th March to 26th April audited & allowed as above..... | £29:13: 4 |
| No 63 | The like to Thomas Tucker for his Acct of Disbursemts at the last Genl Election in the Et Wd audited & allowed as above..... | £3:16: 6 |
| No 62 issued | The like to Thos Ivers Esqr for his Acct of one barrel of Oil & Spinning Wheels &c for the Poor House audited & allowed as above..... | £50: 3:10 |
| No 64 issued | The like to Nichs Coenrad & John Kemper in full of their Acct for glazing at the City Hall & Lamps audited & allowed as above..... | £35:—:— |
| No 65 issued | The like to Thos & Wm Ash for 3 Windsor Chairs for the Corporation audited & allowed..... | £2: 8:— |
| [66] No 66 issued | The like to Henry Shute for his Acct of Expences attending the Committee for laying out the Road near Kings Bridge audited & allowed as above..... | £5: 8: 6 |
| No 67 issued | The like to Jonathan Pearsee for his Acct of victually Prisoners from the 7th feby & ending the 29th audited & allowed ..... | £76: 1: 6 |
| | The like to Jons Pearsee for the like from the 1st March & ending the 31st—as above..... | £106:11: 6 |
| | | £182:13: 0 |

[67] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 14th Day of May 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assistts |
| Abm P Lott | | Saml Johnson | |
| John Broome | | Jerh Wool | |
| Wm Neilson | | Henry Shute | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| | | Danl Phœnix | |

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as Freemen of this City & ordered to be registered vizt

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| John H Sleght | Mercht | Samuel Hutchins | Cartman |
| Benjamin Thorn | Carpenter | Peter Du Bois | Do |
| James Stitt | Cartman | Jonathan Miller | Do |
| Hendrick Bertholf | Do | Hugh Lindsay | Do |
| Matthew Cunningham | Do | John Retawn | Do |
| Daniel Parrine | Do | Angus Sutherland | Do |
| Archibald Leake | Do | William Sandford | Do |
| John Simmons | Do | John Ernst | Do |
| Peter Quackenboss | Do | | |

Ordered that Frederick Wiessenfels, Garret Roorback & Benjamin Blagge Junr be & they are hereby appointed Guagers of Liquors in this City.

[68] On the Suggestion of Mr Mayor the Board came to the following Determination respecting the Bridewell—vizt

Whereas the frequent Robberies Thefts & violent Breaches of the Peace committed in this City are become very alarming and unless some effectual Measures are taken for the prevention thereof by providing that the Bridwell be put on such Establishment as that the idle wicked and dissolute Persons in this City (most of whom were left behind on it's Evacuation by the British) may be confined and kept at hard Labor, this Evil, notwithstanding the unremitted Vigilance & Exertions of the Magistrates & other Peace Officers, will encrease And whereas the vast variety & weight of public Business which daily requires the Attention of this Board is such that they cannot possibly give that due Attention to the Establishment & Direction of the Bridwell which is necessary to render the Institution useful—

Therefore resolved that the Care and Direction of the Bridewell in future be committed to a certain number of Commissioners to be determined on by this Board and that in the meantime Mr Mayor be requested to confer with Persons & report [69] the Names of such

as he may conceive proper and who may be willing to undertake this necessary Business that they may be appointed accordingly

Mr Mayor laid before the Board an Act of the Legislature passed the 4th Inst entitled "An Act to appoint Commissioners to settle and adjust any Differences which may arise between the Proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New York the Buildings whereof were burnt in the Year 1776 & for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining to such Lots"; which was read

Thereupon it was ordered that the said Law be forthwith published in all the News Papers in this City.

Whereas by the said Law it is among other Things enacted that this Corporation be authorized to appoint Commissioners for the Purposes in the said Act particularly specified.

Thereupon the Board proceeded to the appointment of five Persons as Commissioners for the purposes mentioned in the said Law & Peter Van Brugh Livingston Leonard Lispenard Abraham Lott Henry Remsen and Gerard Bancker Esqrs were unanimously appointed accordingly.

[70] A Petition of John Gillespie praying to purchase a Piece of Ground near Laurel Hill on which an House was built during the War was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of John Cross praying that he may continue in the Occupation of a certain House belonging to the Corporation near Pecks Slip was read.

Thereupon it was determined by the Board not to rent the Premisses in the said Petition mentioned for any longer Term But that the Petitioner may rest assured that no Preference will be given to any other Person while he continues to remain a proper Tenant & pays his Rent punctually.

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| No 68. issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant to the City Treasurer to advance John McComb the Sum of thirty Pounds on Acct of Repairs by him doing at the Exchange Bridge &c..... | £30:—:— |
| No 69 issued | Ordered the like to pay the Inspectors of the late Election in the Dock for their Acct of Disbursements audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board... | £3: 4:— |
| No 70. issued | Ordered the like to Adolph Benson for his Acct for Work &c on the Road in the Year 1776 audited by the Committee &c ..... | £13: 6:— |

[71] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 21st Day of May 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assistants |
| Abm P Lott | | Saml Johnson | |
| Thos Randall | | Jerem Wool | |
| John Broome | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | John De Peyster | |

The Board being informed that the Justices at Brooklin or others were about to erect a Cage for the confinement of Vagrants, on a Slip of Ground belonging to this Corporation near the ferry House possibly with a Design to gain the Possession agt the Corporation.

Thereupon ordered that Mr Waldron Lessee of this Corporation at the ferry be directed to hold the possession of the said Peice of Ground on behalf of this Corporation.

Ordered that Aldn Lott Mr Wool and Mr Johnson be a Committee to examine & report such Repairs as may be absolutely necessary to the ferry House at Brooklin.

[72] A Petition of Jacobus Bogert & others praying that the Corporation would be pleased to order Cortlandt's Street dug (at the public Expence) down so as that the Desent may be easy & that the Water from the Broad Way may be led into the North River was read and thereupon

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert Mr Van Gelder & Mr Johnson be a Committee to regulate & report the regulation necessary for improving the said Street.

Resolved that this Board will contribute the Sum of One hundred & fifty Pounds towards digging down the said Street to be disposed of by the said Committee in defraying the Proportion of the Expence of such of the Proprietors of Lots in the sd Street as may have been in exile and are not able to bear the Expence themselves.

A Petition of Stephen Steele praying a Lease for 21 Years of Lot No 129, which is vacant, in King George Street was read & agreed to by the Board

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease for the said Lot accordingly

Alderman Broome from the Committee on Docks & Slips delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz

"Your Committee appointed to inspect the several Wharfs & Slips

in this City beg leave to report that they have pursuant to their Appointment carefully inspected the Old Slip, which they find is in a ruinous [73] and bad Condition & which requires the immediate Interposition of this Corporation to prevent it's becoming an intollerable Nuisance Your Committee are of Opinion that a Block about eight feet in width thrown across the Slip about fifty five feet below the Edge of the Bank & the intermediate Space filled in would in a great Measure remedy the inconvenience justly apprehended Your Committee are further of Opinion in order to make the Remedy effectual that the Street fronting the said Slip and leading to the same ought to be paved with a gradual Descent from the Corner of Duke Street down to the aforesaid Block all which is submitted

John Broome
Jeremh Wool
Thos Randall"

Ordered that Aldn Broome & Neilson & Messrs Phœnix & Ten Eyck be a Committee to carry the Measures mentioned in the said Report into execution.

Marinus Willet Esqr Sheriff of this City & County came into Common Council & delivered to Mr Mayor a formal Protest written & signed by him against the insufficiency of the Goal together with a Report & Opinion of Robert Boyd & Daniel Niven as to the Repairs necessary to render the Goal secure—which were read & referred to the Committee appointed on the Repairs to the Goal.

A Memorial of Theophilact Bache praying for the Reasons therein mentioned an abatement of Quit Rent due to the Corporation; was read & rejected.

A Petition of John Poalk praying an abatement of back Rent due on Lot No 12 was read & rejected.

[74] A Memorial of Elizth Richie relative to the Rent of a Lot of Ground at Pecks Slip was read & the consideration postponed until a future Meeting.

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| No 71 issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue a Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Rinier Skaats *the* for his Attendance & Extra Services up to the 15th Instant..... | £10:—:— |
| No 72 issued | The like to Jeremiah Wool for Coroners Inquests & other Expences agreable to his Acct audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £79:15:— |
| No 73 issued | The like to John Lawrence in full for an Order of the Corporation in favor of Jacob Clock dated the 23d Novr 1775 & assigned over to Mr Lawrence & destroyed by the Enemy—which said Order was never paid ..... | £42:19: 9 |

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| N° 74 issued | The like to Dr Peter Van Bueren for his Acct of Meciscine & Attendance on the Prisoners in Goal audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board | £14:16: 9 |
| N° 75 issued | The like to John Graham for his Acct of Tinmans Work to the public Lamps &c audited & allowed as above ..... | £53:15: 3 |
| N° 76 issued | The like to Wm J Elsworth for his Acct of Attendance & repairs on the fire Engines audited & allowed as above ..... | £24:14: 2 |

[75] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 26th Day of May 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P Lott | | Danl Phœnix |
| Thos Randall | | Saml Johnson |
| John Broome | Esqrs Alds | Abm Van Gelder |
| Wm Neilson | | Henry Shute |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Jeremiah Wool |
| | | Thos Ten Eyck |

Assists

Pursuant to an Act of the Legislature passed the 26th April last entitled "An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen of the City & County of New York to raise Monies by Tax for the Purposes therein mentioned" the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen present proceeded to the consideration of the Sums necessary to be raised for the purposes mentioned in the said Act and thereupon it was Ordered that of the Six thousand Pounds mentioned in the said Act for the support of the Poor & the repairing of the public Roads, the Sum of five thousand Pounds, [76] and of the Sum of four thousand Pounds mentioned in the said Act for defraying the Expences of the City Watch & Lamps, the Sum of three thousand Pounds, be raised by the first Day of August next, And further that the Residue of the said two Sums of Six thousand & four thousand Pounds be raised by the first Day of November next.

The following List of Persons as Commissrs for directing the Bridewell in this City was communicated by Mr Mayor; which was read and unanimously approved of by the Board vizt

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| Robert Murray | William De Peyster |
| John Lawrence | Willet Seaman |
| John Franklin | Edmond Pryor |
| William Hardenbrook | Elijah Cock |
| Samuel Franklin | Thoms Bowne |
| Lawrence Embree | John Stagg |
| Francis Bassett | |

And thereupon it was resolved and agreed by the Board that Mr Mayor be requested and authorized to confer with the said Commissioners on a Plan for carrying the Business into effect & report the same to this Board for their Approbation.

Ordered that Mr Aaron Gilbert have the sole Charge of the City Watch until the further Order of this Board—that James Craven be discharged from any further Attendance on that Business as Deputy to Capt Bowen—that Mr Gilbert make strict enquiry into the Character & Conduct of all the Watchmen and that he discharge such as shall not produce the most [77] satisfactory Proofs of their sobriety deligence and integrity and employ in their stead Citizens of established good Characters that he place a Watchman at each Engine House and that he direct the Watch to make their Rounds in silence.

A Petition of the honble Pierre Van Cortlandt Esqr Cornelia De Peyster & Mary Brownjohn praying a Grant of two Water Lots at Hunters Key; was read & referred to Mr Recorder & the Alda & Assist of the East Ward.

A Petition of Philip Minthorn praying to be appointed a Weigh Master of Hay & that he may have liberty to erect his Scale in the Street back of Cape's Stables where it formerly stood. was read

Ordered that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted.

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| No 77 issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Joseph Peirson in full of his Acct (for Work & Materials at the Exchange) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £117:17: 9 |
| No 78 issued | The like to advance Zacharias Sickels on Acct of the Justices & Vestry for purchasing Necessaries for the Alms House to be repaid out of the first Monies which shall come into the Treasury from the Poor Tax.... | £60: 0:— |
| [78] No 79— issued | The like to pay Aaron Gilbert one of the Inspectors at the late Genl Election in the North Ward in full of his Acct (of Clerks &c) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £7:11:— |
| No 80 issued | The like to Abm Van Gelder in full of his Acct (for several Lamplighters from the 26th April to the 26th May Inst) audited and allowed as above..... | £30: 5:— |
| No 81 issued | The like to Banks & Brooks in full of their Acct (for painting & glazing) audited & allowed as above..... | £15:16: 6 |

[79] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the second Day of June 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

Benjamin Blagge
Ab[m] P Lott
John Broome
Will[m] W Gilbert
W[m] Neilson
} Esq[rs] Ald[n]

John De Peyster
Henry Shute
Ab[m] Van Gelder
Sam[l] Johnson
Jer. Wool
Daniel Phœnix
} Assist[s]

Gabriel W Ludlow appearing represented to the Board his weak & ill state of Health & therefore signified his refusal to execute the Office of an Assessor for the Dock Ward.

Thereupon a Notification was issued to the Inspectors of the general Election of an Election to be held in the said Ward on Saturday the twelfth Inst for an Assessor in his stead.

On reading a Petition of the Inspectors [80] of Wood for an encrease of the Allowance made them for inspecting. The follow[g] Law or Ordinance was passed viz[t]

A Law for amending the Law entitled "A Law to regulate the Sale of Fire Wood in the City of New York"

Be it ordained &[c] that the Allowance of eight Coppers to the Inspectors of Wood *for* be encreased to Sixteen Coppers for each Cord & that it shall be lawful for them to ask and receive at the rate of Sixteen Coppers for each Cord of Wood they shall inspect accordingly the one half to be paid by the Buyer & the other half by the Seller

On a representation of the Cartmen, thro' the Foremen, that they had not be[en] able to procure a supply of Wheels & therefore praying that the time limited for the Use of Iron shod Wheels may be extended to a further Day, the following Ordinance was passed viz[t]

An Ordinance to prolong the Time limitted for the Use of Iron shod Wheels by the Cartmen in this City.

Be it ordained &[c] that the operation of such part of the Law, entitled "A Law for the regulation of Carts & Cartmen," as prohibits the Use of Iron shod Wheels be & the [81] *the* same is hereby suspended until the first Day of August next. and no longer.

A Petition of Jacob Van Wagenen & a Petition of John Duffey praying to be appointed Measurers were read & considered & thereupon it was determined that the further consideration thereof be post-

poned until it can be ascertained whether the number already appointed is not fully competent.

A Petition of Samuel Van Vleck praying that he may have the preferrence of purchasing a Water Lot in front of a Lot of Ground belonging to the Estate of Groesbeek at Burnets Key was read & considered Resolved that this Board cannot grant or give the Petitioner Relief in the Premisses.

A Petition of John Buchannan praying a Lease of a Lot of Ground on the West side of Pecks Slip & a Petition of James Woodhull & Joseph Clements praying a Lease of the same Lot were respectively read & considered & thereupon

Ordered that the said Lot be put up at public Vendue that the Person who shall bid the highest annual Rent shall [82] be entitled to a Lease of the same for 21 Years with Privilege of taking off the Improvements at the expiration of the Term unless he shall agree with the Corporation for the future Rent on obtaining a New Lease

A Memorial of Robt Scott & a Petition of George Lucham praying an abatement of Rent due on a Lots of Ground was read & rejected.

A Representation of John Gilbert the Keeper of the Powder House setting forth its want of Repair was read.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the North Ward be a Committee to direct the Repairs necessary.

A Petition of Alexander McAuley praying a Lease of a Lot of Ground on the North side of the House called the Dove Tavern in the Out Ward was read & referred to Aldn Blagge & Neilson & Mr Phœnix

A Petition of Joseph Bailey praying a Lease of Lots No 116 & 117. was read & referred to Aldn Lott Mr De Peyster and Mr Johnson.

A Petition of Michael Brooks praying an abatement of Rent on Lot No 18 & half of Lot No 21 at Inchlenbergh Bergh & that he may have a New Lease for the same was read & referred to Messrs Wool, De Peyster & Shute.

[83] A Petition of James Savage praying to be appointed an Inspector of Wood at Beekmans Slip in the Stead of Mr Jacobs who is about to resign.

Ordered that Mr Savage have the Preferrence of the appointment on Mr Jacobs Resignation.

No 82 issued — Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Rinier Skaats for so much by him advanced to the Watchmen in full of ballance due to them on their being discharged..... £4:—:—

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| N° 83 issued | The like to pay Jeremiah Wool one of the Inspectors of the late Election in the South Ward for their Acct Disbursements to Clerks &c audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £3: 4:— |
| N° 84 issued | The like to Samuel Broome one of the Inspectors in the East Ward for their Acct (for the like) audited & allowed as above..... | £2: 9:10 |

The following Persons were admitted and sworn as free Men of this City & ordered to be registered vizt

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| James Van Alen | Cartman | Henry Stiles | Cartman |
| Jeremiah Du Bois | Do | Nathan June | |
| David Pierson | Do | Cornelius Thorp | |
| John Owen | Do | | |

[84] The Committee appointed to regulate Cortlandt Street reported that they had taken to their Assistance one of the City Surveyors and had regulated the said Street in the following manner vizt

"To begin at the upper end of the said Street at the West side of the Broad Way & to be continued thence with a regular Descent of two and an half Inches on every Ten feet to the distance of three hundred feet below low Waters mark in Hudsons River" which Report was agreed to by the Board

Ordered that the same Committee cause the said Report to be carried into effect at the expence of the Proprietors agreable to the former Order

Alderman Broome from the Committee for auditing Accounts reported on an Acct of Messrs Duryee & Curtenius late Church Wardens as follows vizt

"That there appears to be a ballance due to Mr Duryee on the 30th June 1776 of £570: 18: 4¾ & to Mr Curtenius on the 31st May 1776 of £58: 4: 5¼ amounting in the whole to £629: 2: 10. That as the Corporation had directed Messrs Duryee & Curtenius to make the Advances when the fund for the support of the Poor was exhausted and actually issued an Order on the City Treasurer for the payment of £500 which Sum by Reason of the Absence of the Treasurer & the confusion which then prevailed was not paid, The Committee were of Opinion that the Corporation is equitably Bound [85] in the first Instance to pay the said last mentioned Sum with Interest from the Date of the said Order at the rate of five per Cent to be charged to the Justices & Vestry And that the remaining Ballance of £129: 2: 10 ought to be paid by the Justices and Vestry out of the Monies to be raised by Tax for the support of the Poor"; which Report was considered and agreed to by the Board.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 9th June 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abm P. Lott. | Esqrs Aldn | Thos Ten Eyck | Assist. |
| Thos Randall | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Samuel Johnson | |
| John Broome | | Jer Wool | |
| Thos Ivers | | Henry Shute | |

Ordered that the Assize of bread be until further Order as follows vizt

A Loaf of the finest Flour to weigh, One Pound fourteen Ounces for Six Pence.

[86] Ordered that Alderman Ivers & Aldn Gilbert & Mr Johnson be a Committee to enquire & report proper Persons as Road Masters & the Allowance to be made to them for their Services.

The Committee appointed on the 12th Ulto relative to the Slaughter House reported "That the said Slaughter House for want of due Attention & frequent cleansing is become intollerable to the Neighborhood and may be prejudicial to the Health of the Inhabitants—That in the Opinion of the Committee the Slaughter House ought to be removed to some Place near the Water & they would recommend Corlear's Hook as a proper Place. That in the Opinion of the Committee, if Mr Bayard would undertake the Business & be at the Expence of removing the Slaughter House he ought to be allowed the Residue of his Lease as a Compensation therefor. And in case he should refuse that then the Corporation should purchase or lease a Lot near the above Place & direct the Slaughter House to be removed at their Expence & the Revenue arising to be collected for the use of the Corporation" which Report was considered & agreed to by the Board except Mr Shute who voted in the Negative

[87] Ordered that Aldn Randall & Ivers & Mr Ten Eyck be a Committee to confer with Mr Bayard on the Subject & in case of his refusal to undertake it that then they apply to Isaac Stoutenburgh Esqr one of the Commissrs of forfeitures for a Lot on James Delancey's Estate for the purpose mentioned in the said Report

Mr Phœnix reported that agreable to the Order of the last Meeting the Lot on the West side of Pecks Slip had been exposed to sale at public Vendue to Mr Isaac Cock on the annual Rent of 32/ per foot which said Lot is front 22 feet amounts to £35:4/ per Annum

Ordered that a Lease be made out to Mr Cock for the said Lot

agreable to the Terms mentioned in the said Order of the last Meet[g] subject to the above Rent.

The Committee appointed to examine the Repairs necessary to the Ferry House &[c] at Brooklyn reported that the Roof of the dwelling stands in need of immediate Repair—That the Rooms formerly divided by Partitions have been thrown open which ought again to be partitioned off with Boards—That the Porch also requires repair & that the division Fence between the Corporation & Repalye's Land, which has [88] during the War been taken down, ought to be put up. which Report was agreed to by the Board.

The following Report was delivered in to the Board & read viz[t]

"We the Subscribers appointed in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of this State entitled "An Act for appointing Commissioners to settle and adjust any Differences which may arise between the Proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New York the buildings whereof were burnt in the Year 1776 & for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining &[c]". Recommend the following Alterations to wit.

That Cortlandts Street be widened Ten feet by taking five feet from the front of the Lots on each side of it.

That that part of Crown Street which runs from the Broad Way to the North River be in like manner widened ten feet by taking five feet from the front of the Lots on each side of it.

That Greenwich Street be continued southerly to the Battery agreable to the Plan prepared & subscribed by M[r] Anthony Van Dam.

New York June 1[st] 1784

To the honorable The Corporation of the City of New York

P V Livingston
Leonard Lispenard
Abr[m] Lott
Henry Remsen
Gerard Bancker

[89] Then a Petition signed by John Morin Scott Esq[r] & several others Proprietors of Lots near Ellisons & Mesiers Slips setting forth the Injury they will sustain by continuing Greenwich Street in the manner proposed as above & praying that if the said Plan should be adopted that the Street heretofore laid out between Mesiers & Ellisons Slips may be continued a public Street; was read & considered; Whereupon it was determined by the Board that the Reasons assigned in the said Petition were not sufficient to justify any Alteration in the Report of the said Commissioners

The Board then proceeded to the Consideration of the said Report of the said Commissioners and thereupon it was Resolved & agreed unanimously that the Board do approve the Alterations & widening of Cortlandts & Crown Streets & the continuing of Greenwich Street in the manner mentioned in the said Report & that the Surveyors of this City do survey stake out and regulate the said Streets accordingly

A Petition of John Ryckman praying a Lease for a Piece of Land on the North of Inchlam Bergh was read & referred to the Committee appointed the last Meetg on the Petition of Alexr McAuley

[90] It being suggested that great Abuses were committed in the Sale of building Stone brought to this City.

The following Law & Ordinance was passed & published & ordered to be printed

"A Law to prevent Abuses in the Sale of building Stone" (here take in Law)

Ordered that the several Inspectors of Wood within this City be & they are hereby appointed Inspectors of building Stone within their respective Districts

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| No 85 issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay John McComb on Acct for procuring Materials, &c on Repairs to the Bridewell..... | £50:—:— |
| No 86 issued | Ordered the like to pay Jacob Clock for his Acct (of Planck for the Repairs at Pecks Slip Market) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £17: 3: 3 |
| No 87 issued | Ordered the like to pay Henry Van Delsen & Abm Van Gelder Junr for their Acct (as Clerks at the Election for an Assessor in the West Ward) audited and allowed as above..... | £1:16: 6 |
| No 88 issued | Ordered the like to Thos Lafoy & Jno Dover for their Acct (for the like at the late Genl [Election] in the same Ward) audited & allowed as above..... | £6: 3:— |
| No 89 issued | Ordered the like to the Inspectors of the late Genl & two other Elections in the Out Ward audited & allowed as above ..... | £9: 8: 5 |
| No 90 issued | Ordered the like to advance Rinier Skaats on Acct for purchasing Wood &c at the City Hall..... | £50:—:— |

Ordered that Aaron Bussing be appointed a Measurer of Lime within this City

[91] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 16th Day of June 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Abm P Lott
Thos Randall
Wm W Gilbert
John Broome
Thos Ivers
} Esqrs Aldn

Thos Ten Eyck
Saml Johnson
Jereh Wool
Abm Van Gelder
} Assists

Peter Cypher, Cartman was admitted & sworn a Freeman of this City & ordered to be registered according

The Clerk according to order produced to the Board a New Bond to Elizabeth Crook in lieu of a Bond from this Corporation to her dated the sixth June 1771 the Principal with the Interest due thereon to the seventh Day of May last amounts to four hundred & fifty Pounds £450; which was read & approved by the Board

Ordered that the City Seal be affixed to the said Bond & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

Which being immediately done Aldn Randall delivered up Miss Crooks old Bond from which the Seal was torn in presence of the Board & the New Bond was delivered [92] to Alderman Randall who undertook to deliver it to Miss Crook accordgly; which said Bond is dated this Day & payable the 7th May next with Interest from the 7th May last at 5 P Ct

A Roll of the Engineers, Foremen and firemen of this City was delivered in read approved by the Board & ordered to be filed. Ordered that the same be printed in hand Bills.

Ordered that Henry Shute for the Bowery & John Sickels for the Harlem Division in the Out Ward be & they are hereby appointed Road Masters—that they & the Laborers they shall employ be allowed one fourth more for their Services than the allowance made by the Corporation for the like Service previous to the late Revolution.

And Ordered that Aldermen Ivers Lott and Randall with the Assistants of the South & North Wards be a stands Committee from time to time to direct the Repairs to the Roads from whom the said Road Masters are to receive Instructions.

Ordered that the Surveyors of this City, do without delay, survey & stake out Greenwich Street.

[93] A Proposal of Elias Burger "to lay a Block across Beekmans Slip—Six feet at the Bottom & five feet at the Top, Timber

Iron, filling up with Stone compleat, Workmanship & all Charges included at twenty Shillings per foot" was read & agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to inspect the Docks & Slips do contract with Mr Burger accordingly.

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| No 91 issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue a Warrant on the Treasurer to advance William Smith on Acct for Repairs to the Wells & Pumps..... | £100:—:— |
| No 92 issued | Ordered the like to pay Marinus Willet Esqr Sheriff for the like Sum by him paid to Watchmen at the Goal from 21st May to June 15th as pr his Acct audited by the Committee and allowed by the Board..... | £24: 5: 4 |
| No 93 issued | Ordered the like to pay Jno & Wm Gilbert as Clerks to the late Election of an Assessor in the Dock Ward as pr their Acct audited & allowed as above..... | £0:16:— |

A Petition of Christopher Fiegenheim praying an exemption from the payment of Rent for one of the Corporation Lots during the War was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

[94] Mr Mayor reported the Plan for carrying into effect the Resolution of this Board of the 26th Ulto relative to the Bridewell; which was read and is in the Words follows viz

"To the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened and to the Board of Justices & Vestrymen of the said City severally and respectively

I James Duane Mayor of the said City do report that in pursuance of certain Resolutions passed in Common Council on the 14th day of May last And at the Board of Justices and Vestrymen on the first Monday of June Instant; I have held a conferrence with the Commissioners therein named and appointed and communicated to them a Plan for the future Management of the Alms House and the Bridewell or House of Employment respectively and that upon due Consideration it was unanimously approved of and subscribed by them with me in Testimony of their Approbation: and the said Plan is now, according to order, submitted to each of the said Boards respectively for their concurrence in the Words following (to wit).

Plan for the better Government of the Alms House and Bridewell or House of Employment in the City of New York.

[95] Whereas, by the Events of War, the number of the Poor to be maintained at the public Expence is greatly encreased, and the annual Tax to be assessed for their Sustenance is so burthensome that without diligent Attention and strict Œconomy in the Management of the Alms House that benevolent Institution is in

danger of becoming Oppressive to the Citizens And Whereas ever since the Evacuation of this District by the british Forces, the tranquility of the Inhabitants hath been disturbed by an idle and profligate Banditti who continue to rob and steal in defiance of the vigilance of the Magistrates and the severity of frequent and exemplary Punishments and by other abandoned Vagrants and Prostitutes whom the ordinary Process of Justice hath not awed nor reclaimed And it is conceived that the Discipline of the Bridewell or House of Employment vigorously administered will alone be effectual to correct and restrain those shameful Enormities: But so it happens that both the Alms House and Bridewell or House of Employment are at present in the immediate Government of the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen (the former in conjunction with the Vestrymen and the latter in conjunction with the Assistants or Common Council Men) While from the [96] multiplicity and weight of Affairs with which those Magistrates are incumbered as well in the Dispensation of Justice as in regulating the Police of the City and managing it's Revenues, it is found by Experience to be impracticable for them to extend that Degree of Care to either of the said Institutions which their Importance and the public Good demand. To Remedy therefore these Inconveniences.

I^st^ The general Superintendence of the said Alms House shall continue to be exercised by the Magistrates and Vestry Men who shall visit the same quarterly on every first Monday in May August November and February and oftner if it shall be found necessary, And the general Superintendence of the Bridewell or House of Employment shall continue to be exercised by the Mayor Recorder Aldermen and Assistants in Common Council convened.

II^dly^ All Monies to be expended for the Support of the Alms House shall be issued out of the City Treasury by Order of the Board of Justices and Vestrymen at their quarterly or other Meetings on Warrants to be signed by the Mayor or in his absence by the Deputy Mayor or Recorder [97] And all Accounts of such Expenditures shall before payment be exhibited to and approved of by the said Board having previously been examined and audited by a Committee thereof And all Monies for the support of the Bridewell or House of Employment shall be issued out of the said Treasury by Order of the Common Council and on Warrants to be signed in manner aforesaid; all Accounts of such Expenditures being before payment also exhibited to and approved by the Common Council after the same shall have been first examined and audited by a Committee of that Board

III^dly The immediate Management of the said Alms House and Bridewell and House of Employment respectively shall be committed and entrusted to the said Commissioners who shall keep a Register of all their Acts and Proceedings and by whom all Provisions Cloathing Bedding, Fire Wood and Materials and Implements for the employment of the Poor as well as of Vagrants shall be purchased; and the Produce or Manufactures of each of the said Houses shall be sold and disposed of and accounted for And all the Officers and Servants of each of [98] the said Houses shall be appointed and removable by them as well as responsible to them for the faithful Discharge of their Duty.

IV^thly The said Commissioners shall have authority to recommend to the Magistrates for admission into the said Alms House all proper Objects of Charity and to discharge from thence all such as they shall judge no longer to stand in Need of or to be entitled to a Provision therein

V^thly It shall be the Duty of the said Commissioners to devise and make Rules and Orders for regulating and governing the said Alms House prescribing the Business of the Officers and Servants and the Diet Cloathing Employment and Treatment of the Poor and in general directing all Things which shall relate to the internal Œconomy of the said Alms House and which may in their Judgment best promote the benevolent Purposes of the Institution Provided always that such Rules and Orders shall from time to time be reported to the Justices and Vestrymen at their quarterly or special Meetings And be subject to such Alterations and Amendments as they shall think proper and enjoin. And in like Manner it shall be the Duty of the said Commissioners to devise and make Rules and Orders [99] for regulating and governing the Bridewell or House of Employment and for the Conduct of the Officers and Servants thereof and for feeding lodging maintaining employing correcting and reforming all idle and disorderly Persons from time to time committed or confined therein by any of the Courts of Justice or Magistrates either on the complaint of the said Commissioners (who are to be vigilant in enforcing the Laws against Vagrants or otherwise

VI^thly That Supplies of Provisions, Cloathing Fire Wood and Materials for the Use of the said respective Houses may be seasonably laid in and to the best Advantage it shall be the Duty of the said Commissioners from time to time as they shall judge proper to make Estimates of the several Articles which may be requisite and of the Price thereof and, being signed by a Major Part of their Board, to present the same to the Common Council or Justices and Vestry Men (as the

Case may be) and if approved Warrants shall thereupon issue in their favor for [100] the Amount of such Estimates And it shall be an indispensible Rule to adjust and settle the Accounts of the Expenditures of such Advances within three Months after the Money shall have come into their Hands.

VII[thly] As the salutary Effects proposed by this Plan can only be hoped for by a diligent and unremitted Attention to the Government of the said Houses it shall be the Duty of the said Commissioners or the Major part of them to visit the said Houses respectively on Monday Afternoon between the Hours of two & six in every Week and every other Day in the Week (the Sabbath excepted) one of the said Commissioners alternately in the forenoon and another in the Afternoon shall attend the said Houses at least one Hour to see that the Rules and Orders to be established for the Government of the said Houses are properly observed and carried into execution

James Duane Mayor

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| Elijah Cock | Lawrence Embree | Robert Murray |
| Thomas Bowne | Francis Bassett | John Lawrence |
| John Stagg | Willet Seaman | John Franklin |
| | William De Peyster | William Hardenbrook |
| New York | Edmond Prior | Samuel Franklin |
| 16 June 1784 | | |

[101] Resolved and agreed unanimously that this Board do approve of the said Plan

Ordered that the same be immediately carried into execution.

M[r] Recorder from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the hon[ble] Pierre Van Cortlandt Esq[r] Cornelia De Peyster & Mary Brownjohn read on the 26[th] Ult[o]—praying a Grant of certain Water Lots at Burnets Key; delivered in a Report which was read & approved of by the Board & filed

Ordered that. the Clerk prepare the Draft of a Grant & produce the same to this Board for their Approbation accordingly.

[102] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 23d Day of June 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>Thos Randall<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>John Broome | Esqrs Aldn | Daniel Phœnix<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Saml Johnson<br>Jer Wool | Assist. |

A Petition of William Jacobs an Inspector of Wood at Beekmans Slip praying that by Reason of his being unable to attend the Business at all times John De Dree may be appointed his Assistant; was read

Ordered that Mr Jacobs be informed that he must attend the Duties of his Office or resign it.

A Petition of Eleanor Dunlap & Elizabeth Sutton praying Compensation for the Damages they will sustain by the Alteration of the Street called Golden Hill or John Street; was read

Ordered that the Petitioners be informed that no Relief can be given in. the Premisses.

[103] A Petition of Charles Alexander praying a Lease of a Piece of Land opposite Mr Watts's Farm in the Out Ward; was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of William Malcom & others Inhabitants at Beekman's Slip praying that the Order of this Board for filling up a part of the said Slip may be carried into execution without Delay and that an Order may issue for removing an old Hulk out of the said Slip; was read.

And it being suggested to the Board that the said Old Hulk now lying in the said Slip was brought in there during the late War by a Privateer owned by frederick Rhinelander & others It is thereupon Ordered that the Prayer of the said Petition so far as respects the filling up of the said Slip be complied with And further that the said Frederick Rhinelander & others the late Owners of the said Privateer be directed & required immediately to remove the said Hulk And that William Rhinelander & Philip Rhinelander who are or one of whom is Agents or Agent of the said Frederick Rhinelander & the other Owners (if in this City) have notice of this Order & they are hereby required to carry the same into execution without delay The Corporation being determined that the said [104] Hulk shall at all Events be removed & will prosecute every of the Proprietors of the said Privateer who shall neglect or refuse to comply with this Order.

The Board went into the Consideration of a Proposal of Mr Nichs Bayard relative to the Slaughter House And thereupon it was Resolved & agreed that this Corporation will agree to take the Materials of the Slaughter House of Mr Bayard at an appraised Value to be ascertained by Daniel Niven on the part of this Corporation and such Person as Mr Bayard shall elect on his Part and in Case of a Disagreement the said two Persons to choose an Umpire whose Award shall be conclusive

Ordered that the Commissioners of forfeitures of the southern District be applied to for a Piece of Ground of about three Acres said to be in the possession of John Delancey to be used as a Penn for the Slaughter House to be erected at Corlaers Hook

And further that a Treaty be made between this Corporation and such Person as shall be willing to contract to build a Slaughter House at Corlaers Hook on a Lease for five Years & to have the Use of the Materials of the present Slaughter House for that Purpose. that the said Treaty be reported to this Board for their Approbation [105] And that Mr Mayor be requested to cause the aforegoing Resolution and Order to be carried into effect.

A Petition of Robert Murray praying a Grant of a Water Lot in front of the Ground now or late of the Devisees of John Groesbeeck decd at Burnets Key; was read & referred to Mr Recorder.

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| No 94— issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue a Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Mrs Elizth Holt in full of her Acct (for printing) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board ..... | £8:16:— |
| No 95. issued | Ordered the like to advance Jno McComb on Acct towards purchass Materials for repairs the Bridewell | £50:—:— |

A Particular Survey of Cortlandt Street shewing the Depth to be dug out & filled up opposite to each Proprietors Ground agreable to the late Regulation of the said Street; was read & approved by the Board & ordered to be filed.

The Clerk produced to the Board an engrossed Lease from this Corporation to Adolph Waldron for the Ferry from the Fly Market Slip to Nassau Island for the Term of five Years under the yearly Rent of £500 commencing the first Day of May last which being approved of by the Board was ordered to be signed by the Mayor & delivered to Mr Waldron on his executing the counterpart thereof.

[106] On reading a Memorial of Abm Duryee & Peter T Curtenius.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Bond from this Corporation to Mr Duryee for the Sum of £635:4:6 with Interest at five pr Ct from the 8th Day of May last Also a Bond to Mr Curtenius for £64:15:6

with the like Interest from the same Day being their respective proportions of the Sum of £500 with the Interest. due thereon agreable to the Report of the Committee rec$^{d}$ & confirmed on the 2$^{d}$ Instant

[107] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the Said City on Wednesday the 30$^{th}$ Day of June 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Ab$^{m}$ P Lott | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Jn$^{o}$ De Peyster | Assist$^{s}$ |
| John Broome | | Jer. Wool | |
| W$^{m}$ Neilson | | Sam$^{l}$ Johnson | |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder | |
| | | Dan$^{l}$ Phœnix | |

The following Persons were admitted & sworn as Freemen & ordered to be registered viz$^{t}$

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| William Snyder—Baker | Simon Losie— Laborer |
| Daniel Shaffer—Tobacconist | Valentine Vaughan— D$^{o}$ |

On reading a Petition of Jacobus Bogert relative to the injury which will arise to his Lot by widening Cortlandt's Street & it being suggested to the Board that many other of the Proprietors of Lots complained of Injury in consequence of the late Regulation of Greenwich Street it is agreed & determined that this Board will on Monday next at 12 O'Clock hear the several Proprietors who may have any complaint to make relative to the late regulation of Greenwich Crown & Cortlandts Street.

A Petition of Christopher Miller in behalf of himself & other the Inhabitants of this [108] City praying the use of the long Room in the Exchange as a School for the instruction of Youth in the military Exercise was read and granted until the further Order of this Board

A Petition of Sarah Holmes praying an abatement of Quit Rent due on certain Water Lots was read & rejected.

A Petition of several Inhabitants of the Out Ward praying that Measures be taken for opening a Drain near Oliver Street for the want of which the Low Ground in that Neighborhood is filled with standing Water to the great Prejudice of the health of the Inhabitants. was read and referred to the Commissioners in the said Ward.

A Petition of Henry Low praying a Lease of about Ten Acres of Ground between the five & Six Mile Stone was read & referred to the Committee on the Petition of Alex M$^{c}$Aulay read on the 2$^{d}$ June last

M$^{r}$ Recorder delivered in a Report on the Petition of Robert

Murray praying a Grant of a Water Lot at Burnets Key which was read & approved by the Board & filed.

By which said Report it was agreed that the Quit Rent on the said Water Lot should commence at the Time of Mr [109] Murray's purchasing the Right of receiving a Grant for the said Water Lot from the Executors or Devisees of the Estate of John Groesbeeck decd. But on a Motion of Mr Phœnix to reconsider that part of the Report it was agreed that the Quit Rent should commence at the Time when the Grants were ordered to be made out the Proprietors of the adjacent Lots.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Draft of a Grant & produce it to this Board for their approbation accordingly

An Estimate of the Commissioners of the Alms House of the Supplies which will be wanting for the support of the said House was laid before the Board by Mr Mayor which was read & considered & thereupon

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| No 98— issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the City Treasurer to advance to the said Commissioners on Acct to be charged to the Justices & Vestrymen & to be repaid out of the Monies to be raised by the Poor Tax the Sum of One thousand Pounds..... | £1000:—:— |
| No 97 issued | Ordered the like to pay John De Peyster in full of his Acct (for so much by him & Aldn Blagge advanced for removing Filth & Dirt out of the Streets) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £21: 7:— |
| No 96 issued | Ordered the like to pay Elias Brevoort in full of an Acct of Jacobe Stoutenburgh decd for his Services &c as Engineer previous to the late War audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £42: 3: 4 |

[110] Ordered that Mr Recorder, Aldn Broome & Gilbert & Messrs Phœnix & Wool be a Committee to enquire and report on the several Petitions now pending before this Board, for an abatement of Quit Rent, and which on reading the consideration thereof were postponed.

[111] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the seventh Day of July 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Benj. Blagge | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Tho[s] Ten Eyck |
| Ab[m] P Lott | | Sam[l] Johnson |
| Tho[s] Randall | | Jer. Wool |
| W[m] W Gilbert | | Ab[m] Van Gelder |
| Tho[s] Ivers | | |
| John Broome | | |

Benjamin Westervelt, Cartman was admitted & sworn as a free Man of the City & ordered to be registered.

Ordered that Aldermen Ivers Lott and Gilbert be a Committee to confer with M[r] Blanchard relative to the removal of the Slaughter House to Corlaers Hook

A Petition from several of the Butchers praying a partial Exemption from any Law which may be passed for the establishment of the Slaughter House at Corlaers Hook was read.

Resolved that the Prayer of the said Petition cannot be complied with

[112] A Petition of Christopher Stymets & several other Inhabitants of Dey Street praying that the said Street may be improved & new regulated was read and referred to the Committee on Cortlandt & Crown Streets.

Ordered that the Petition of Charles Alexander be referred to the Committee on the Petition of Alex[r] M[c]Auley

A Petition of Thomas Ogilvie praying to be appointed an Inspector & Measurer of Timber Boards & Shingles was read.

Ordered that Thomas Ogilvie be appointed an Inspector Measurer of Timber Boards & Shingles accordingly

Ordered that the Committee on the Bye Laws do report at the next Meeting a Law for regulating the Sale of Hay

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| N° 97 issued | Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance John M[c]Comb on Acc[t] towards the Repairs of the Bridewell the Sum of..... | £60:—:— |
| N° 98 issued | Ordered the like to pay W[m] Conley in full of his Acc[t] (for glazing & mending the City Lamps) audited by the Committee and allowed by the Board..... | £3: 4: 6 |
| N° 99 issued | Ordered the like to pay Ab[m] Van Gelder in full of his Acc[t] (for lighting the City Lamps) from the 26[th] May to 26[th] June @ 1/8 p[r] Lamp audited by the Committee & allowed &[c]..... | £30:10:— |

[113] Ordered the like to Ab[m] Van Gelder agreable to his Acc[t] audited and allowed as above for so much by him expended for contingent Expences on the City Lamps amounts to £48:8:6 in which he gives Credit for £14:4:5 leaving a Ballance due to him of..... £34: 4: 1

N° 100 issued

N° 101 issued Ordered the like to Tho[s] Ivers Esq[r] in full of his Acc[t] (for Flax &[c] for the use of the Poor House) audited & allowed as above..... £18: 0:—

N° 102 issued Ordered the like to the Inspectors of the late Election in Montgomerie Ward in full of their Acc[t] audited & allowed as above..... £5:11:—

N° 103 issued Ordered the like to W[m] Deane in full of his Acc[t] (for two Wheel Barrows) audited & allowed as above.... £4:—:—

[114] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the fifteenth Day of July 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Benj. Blagge<br>Tho[s] Randall<br>John Broome<br>William W Gilbert<br>Tho[s] Ivers<br>Will[m] Neilson | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Dan[l] Phœnix<br>Tho[s] Ten Eyck<br>Ab[m] Van Gelder<br>Sam[l] Johnson<br>Jerem[h] Wool | Assistants |

A Petition of Dan[l] Shaffer & W[m] Snyder praying Leases of the two Lots N° 130 & 131 in King George Street was read

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Leases to the said Petitioners for the said two Lots on the annual Rent of £4 for each Lot accordingly

A Petition of James Gilleland was read Thereupon Ordered that he be appointed an Inspector & Measurer of Boards [and] Timber within this City.

A Petition of Luke Quick praying [115] to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &[c] was read & rejected.

And on Motion of M[r] Wool Ordered that Jacob Van Wagenen be appointed one of the Measurers of Grain &[c] agreable to the prayer of his Petition some time since presented to this Board.

Ordered that Aldermen Broome Neilson & M[r] Phœnix be a Committee to confer with the Proprietors of the Land on front Street relative to the widening of the said Street. And that the same Committee enquire into & report on the expediency of widening the Slip at the Fly Market

N° 104 issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay James Montgomerie in full of his Acc[t] (for Mason Work at the Powder House) audited by the Committee and allowed by the Board..... £3: 3: 6

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| N° 105 issued | The like to Jn° D Tier in full of his Acc^t for Carpenters Work at the Powder House audited & allowed as above ..... | £19: 9: 8 |
| N° 106 issued | The like to Jn° Byvanck Adm^r of Stephen Terhune dec^d in full of an Order of the Corporation in favor of M^r Terhune dated the 19^th of April 1776..... | £23:18: 4 |
| [116] | And also the further Sum of £4:2:6 in full of an Acc^t of M^r Terhune for glazing Work audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board. | |
| N° 107 issued | The like to advance to Ab^m Van Gelder on Acc^t to be disposed of by the Committee for superintend^g the digging out of Cortlandt Street agreable to the order of this Board the Sum of..... | £75:—:— |
| N° 108 issued | The like to pay Ab^m Johnson in full of his Acc^t for reparing fire Buckets audited & allowed as above..... | £5: 3: 3 |
| N° 109 issued | The like to Anth° & Leon^d Lispenard in full of their Acc^t for Beer audited & allowed as above..... | £5:16:— |
| N° 110. issued | The like to Peter Goelet in full of his Acc^t for Locks &c audited &c as above..... | £5: 8:— |

A Petition of Evert Bancker praying to be appointed one of Surveyors of this City was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

Willits Seaman attended the Board & prayed their Direction relative [to] the range of the South side of Queens Street in front of his Lot lately purchased of D^r Beekman's family nearly opposite to Will^m De Peyster when it was determined by the Board that the same should be agreable to a pricked Line on a Plan of the Ground produced by M^r Seaman to the Board.

[117] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 21^st July 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq^r Mayor
Richard Varick Esq^r Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esq^rs Ald^n | Dan^l Phœnix | Assist^s |
| Tho^s Randall | | Ab^m Van Gelder | |
| John Broome | | Sam^l Johnson | |
| Tho^s Ivers | | John De Peyster | |
| W^m W Gilbert | | Jer Wool | |

Thomas Peet & Richard Wheeler were sworn & admitted as freemen of the City & ordered to be registered.

A Petition of Catharine Franks praying a remission of the Rent due on Lot N° 50, from the time of the Arrival of the British Army to their evacuation of this City, by reason of her having been in exile

& not having had the use of it during the late War; was read & taken into consideration

Ordered that the Consideration of the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Petitions of a similar Nature.

[118] A Memorial of the Constables and Marshalls complaining of the inadequate Allowance of fees for their Services and praying Relief in the Premisses; was read And thereupon it was agreed & ordered that the Constables & Marshalls be respectively allowed the Sum of two Shillings for each Vagrant they shall apprehend & bring before a Magistrate & the further Sum of two Shillings for each Vagrant they shall respectively convey out of the City to be paid to them by the Clerk on a Certificate of the Service from the Magistrate for the repayment whereof to the Clerk this Board will provide.

The Board having taken into Consideration of Evert Bancker presented at the last Meeting & several Certificates of his Qualifications being read

Ordered that Evert Bancker be and he is hereby appointed one of the Surveyors of this City.

A Proposal of James Blanchard to undertake the removal or building of the Slaughter House at Corlaers Hook was read

Thereupon Ordered that the Committee appointed to treat with Mr Blanchard be instructed to offer him a Lease for the Slaughter House for Six Years and be authorized to demand and receive One Shilling & [119] Six Pence for each Beast slaughtered in the Slaughter House On Condition that Mr Blanchard will without Delay erect a good and sufficient Slaughter House at Corlaer's Hook in every respect equal to the old one And further that he take upon himself the payment of Mr Bayard the Sum appraised to be paid by the Corporation for the materials of the old House to be made use of by Mr Blanchard as he shall think proper.

The Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Alexander McAuley and of Charles Alexander made the follows Report which was read & agreed to by the Board vizt "That they were of Opinion that a Lease be granted to Mr McAuley of the Lot adjoining the Dove Tavern in the Out Ward at the annual Rent of twenty Shillings per Acre for 21 Years On condition that he make such Allowance for the improvements as they shall be adjudged to be worth by Persons the one to be chosen by the Treasurer on behalf of the Corporation the other by Mr McAuley & in Case of Disagreemt they to choose an Umpire.

[120] Also that a Lease be granted to Mr Alexander of the vacant

Lot mentioned in his Petition at the rate of twenty Shill^gs per annum for 21 Years provided that he will take in the whole of the two Lots on each side of the middle Road as laid down in a Map of those Lots made by M^r Marschalk.

B Blagge
D Phœnix.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Michael Brooks presented on the 2^d June last made the following Report which was read & agreed to. viz^t

"That by Information they find the farm entirely out of Repair & without fence a Distillery which was thereon erected taken off—the dwelling House very much damaged And an Old decriped Woman—Mother of the said Brooks, to be by him supported—Wherefore the Committee are of Opinion that £3 per Annum from the 1^st May 1776 to the 1^st May 1783 ought to be received as a full Compensation for the Rent of the said Farm.

Jerem^h Wool
Jn^o De Peyster

A Petition of John Delanoy an Inspector of Wood at the North River was read

[121] And thereupon it was ordered that John Delanoy & Barent Martlings hold & exercise the Business of Inspectors of Wood at the North River in common That they alternately change their Districts once a Week & that each take to himself the Emoluments arising in the District for the Week he shall exercise his Office therein.

It being represented to the Board that a Breast Work across the Slip at Deys Street is necessary & as those at the Old & Beekmans Slips are directed to be done at the Corporation Expence, it was agreed that the Board will also provide for defraying the Expence of that at Dey's Slip.

It being suggested that a Continuation of a certain Street in the West Ward called Lombard Street until it falls into Crown Street would conduce much to the Convenience Health & Safety of that part of the City it was agreed & ordered by the Board that the Committee appointed to direct the digging out of Cortlandts Street suggest the Matter to the Commiss^rs for regulating the Streets in such Parts where the Buildings have been destroyed by fire during the late War

Ordered that the Aldermen & Assist^s in their respective Wards enquire into the [122] State of the Slips with respect to any Old Hulks

or other Incumbrance, Who the Persons are that brought or directed the same to be put in the Slips and Whether such Persons or any of them are within the Power of this Corporation to the end that they may be proceeded agᵗ according to Law.

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| Nº 111 issued | Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrᵗ on the Treasurer to advance Daniel Niven on Acctᵗ towards Repairs to the Goal &ᶜ the Sum of..... | £100:—:— |
| Nº 112 issued | The like to John McComb on Acctᵗ towards Repairs at the Bridewell..... | £55:—:— |
| Nº 113 issued | The like to pay John McComb in full of the balleᵉ of his Acctᵗ for repairs at the Exchange & City Hall audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board.... | £33:14:11 |
| Nº 114 issued | The like to pay Joseph Kingsland in full of his acctᵗ for a quantity of Timber by him supplied for Repairs at the Goal &ᶜ audited & allowed as above..... | £19:10: 4 |
| Nº 115. issued | The like to pay James Hill in full of his Acctᵗ for painting &ᶜ fire Buckets audited & allowed as above..... | £5:15: 6 |

[123] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 28th July 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqʳ Mayor
Richard Varick Esqʳ Recorder

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| Abᵐ P Lott<br>John Broome<br>Thomas Ivers<br>Wᵐ Neilson | Esqʳˢ Aldⁿ | Thoˢ Ten Eyck<br>Henry Shute<br>Abᵐ Van Gelder<br>Jerem Wool | Assistˢ |

The Clerk (according to the Order of the 23ᵈ Day of June last) produced to the Board a Bond from this Corporation to Abraham Duryee for the Sum of Six hundred and Thirty five Pounds four Shillings & Six Pence with Interest at five Pʳ Cᵗ from the 8th Day of May last payable the 8th Day of May next Also a Bond from this Corporation to Peter T Curtenius for the Sum of Sixty four Pounds fifteen Shillings & Six Pence with the like Interest from the 8th May last & payable as above.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said two Bonds & that the same be signed by Mʳ Mayor & countersigned by the Clerk.

[124] A Proposition of Peter Van Brugh Livingston Junʳ & Matthias Ogden for bringing into & Storing in this City a quantity of fire Wood to be sold next Winter was read & referred to Aldⁿ Broome & Neilson & Mʳ Ten Eyck

A Memorial [of] John Watts Esq$^{r}$ Atty to the Proprietors of the Estate of Sir Peter Warren dec$^{d}$ complain$^{g}$ of certain Injury which will accrue to some Lots belonging to the said Estate in consequence of the late Regulation of Greenwich Street was read & considered And it was thereupon determined that the Alteration prayed for in the said Petition cannot be complied with.

Ordered that the City Surveyors prepare & produce to this Board proper Surveys & Maps of Greenwich Cortlandts & Crown Streets agreable to the late regulations of those Streets.

Ordered that when the Proprietors of the Lots in Cortlandt Street commence paving the said Street that the follow$^{g}$ Rule be observed viz$^{t}$ That the Street be highest in the middle & that there be two Kennels or Gutters, for carrying off the Water, on each side near the front of the Lots.

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| N° 116 issued | Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to advance M$^{r}$ Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder the further Sum of fifty five Pounds on Acc$^{t}$ towards digging out Cortlandt Street. | |
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| N° 117 issued | Ordered the like to pay Isaiah Wool & Walter Moffett in full of their Acc$^{t}$ (for flagging &c$^{a}$ at the Exchange) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board.... | £47: 2: 6 |
| N° 118 issued | The like to pay Joseph Pierson in full of his two Acc$^{ts}$ (for Carpenters Work & Materials at the Exchange Bridge & at the Exchange) audited & allowed as above ..... | £40: 17: 5 |
| N° 119 issued | The like to pay Jacob Clock in full of his Acc$^{t}$ for Carpenters Work Materials & Cartage on Repairs at Pecks Slip Market) audited & allowed as above..... | £97: 4: 7 |
| N° 120 issued | The like to pay Joseph Riggs in full of his Acc$^{t}$ (for Timber on the Repairs at the Fly Market) audited & allowed as above..... | £8: 8: 3 |
| N° 121 issued | The like to pay Peter Barrian in full of his Acc$^{t}$ (for a quantity of Stone for the Fly Market audited & allowed as above..... | £98: 16: — |
| N° 122 issued | The like to pay Andrew Thompson Jun$^{r}$ in full of his Acc$^{t}$ for Mason Work & Materials on Repairs at Pecks Slip Market audited & allowed as above..... | £21: 1: 3 |

[126] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held on Monday the 2d Day of Augt 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richd Varick Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldermen: Benj. Blagge, Abm P Lott, Thos Randall, Wm Neilson, John Broome, Thos Ivers, Wm W Gilbert

Assistants: Danl Phœnix, Saml Johnson, Thos Ten Eyck, Abm Van Gelder

Mr Mayor informed the Board that he had been waited on by many of the Cartmen of this City who informed him that from some peculiar Circumstances they had not been able (altho they had left no means untried) to supply themselves with Wheels conformable to the Law of this Corporation & therefore prayed that the Law as far as it respects the regulation of Cart Wheels might be farther suspended— Several of the Foremen attends being called in & examined on the Subject confirmed the above Information Thereupon the follows Law was passed vizt

"An Ordinance further to suspend so much of the Law entitled "A Law for the regulation of Carts & Cartmen" as prohibits the Use of Iron shod Wheels."

[127] Be it ordained &c that so much of the Law entitled "A Law for the regulation of Carts & Cartmen" as prohibits the Use of Iron shod Wheels be & the same is hereby suspen[d]ed for Six Weeks from this Day

City of New York } ss At a Common Council held on Friday the 13th Day of Augt 1784

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Wm Neilson, Wm W Gilbert, Thos Ivers, Jno Broome

Assists: Saml Johnson, Jer. Wool, Abm Van Gelder, Thos Ten Eyck, Daniel Phœnix

Whereas the Period fixed on the 26th Day of May last for the collection of the Tax to be levied & collected in this City & County in pusuance of the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City & County of New York to raise Monies by Tax for the Purposes therein mentioned" was

[128] elapsed before the Vestrymen had completed the Assessments And it is therefore become necessary that other Periods be fixed.

Therefore Ordered that the first proportion of the said Tax which was ordered to have been collected on or before the first Day of August Instant be and the same is hereby ordered to be collected on or before the first Day of October next And that the second proportion of the said Tax which was ordered to have been collected on the first Day of November next be and the same is hereby ordered to be collected on or before the first Day of December next

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert Ivers & Lott be a Committee to confer with the Commissioners of the Bridewell relative to the employing of Persons (confined therein) in levelling &c the Ground about the public buildings in this City.

A Petition of Christopher Colles praying payment of the ballce of an Acct against the Corporation was read.

Ordered that the Consideration thereof be postponed.

[129] A Petition of George Bowne and John Byvanck praying a farther Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River opposite to their respective Lots between Beekmans and Burlings Slips And also that in the mean time they may be permitted immediately to sink a Block in front & adjoining their present Wharf which in the course of the late War is become out of Repair & altogether useless. was read

Ordered that so much of the said Petition as respects the sinking of a Block be granted & that the further consideration of the remainder of the said Petition be postponed.

[130] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 26th Day of August 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldermen | Daniel Phœnix | Assists |
| Abraham P Lott | | Thomas Ten Eyck | |
| John Broome | | Samuel Johnson | |
| William W Gilbert | | Abraham Van Gelder | |
| Thomas Ivers | | Jeremiah Wool | |

The two following Persons were admitted & sworn as Freemen of the City vizt

John Clarke..Shoemaker
Izrael Knap..Carpenter

A Petition from sundry Persons residing & occupying the upper Barracks praying Leases for the same was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of James Knot praying to be appointed an Inspector of Wood in the stead of Gilbert Smith dec$^{d}$ was read, and (as that vacancy is filled by another) dismissed.

[131] A Petition of several Proprietors of Lots in Dey's Street praying some Assistance of this Board in digging out the said Street was read.

Ordered that so much of the Money granted towards the digging out of Cortlandt's Street as remains unexpended be appropriated by the Alderman & Assist of the West Ward to the digging out of Cortlandt Street in such manner as they shall direct.

A Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Franckfort Street was read praying that the Corporation would direct a Well to be sunk & made with a Pump in the s$^{d}$ Street at the public expence, The s$^{d}$ Petitioners contributing thereto the Sums written opposite to their respective Names in the said Petition

Ordered that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted and that the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward take Order thereon & cause the said Well & Pump to be made accordingly

A Petition of several of the Inhabitants at Pecks Slip praying that a Bulkhead may be made across the said Slip in a manner similar to those at Beekmans & the old Slip was read & referred to the Alderman & Ass$^{t}$ of Montgomerie [132] Ward and M$^{r}$ Phœnix and that they be authorized to direct such Alteration & Improvement to the said Slip as to them shall appear proper & necessary

A Petition of Garret Roorback & Aaron Gilbert praying that unless the Office of Dock Master should be let to farm at public Vendue they may be appointed to execute that Business; was read

And a Petition of John Bingham on the same Subject was read.

Thereupon ordered that the said John Bingham do immediately account with the Committee for auditing Accounts for the Monies he may received for Wharfage to the twenty fifth Instant & that he pay whatever Ballance may be due to this Corporation to their Treasurer And further that M$^{r}$ Bingham continue to collect the Wharfage until the further Order of this Board

A Complaint of Lancaster Burling & Amos Hare against George Gar a Ship-Wright from Scotland, charging him with carrying on his Business hurtful to the Petitioners & that he is an Alien; was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Broome & Neilson & M$^{r}$ Phœnix

[133] A Petition of W$^{m}$ Beekman & others Proprietors of Lots fronting the East River suggesting a Plan for widening Cherry & Water Streets & a proposal of Henry Rutgers one of the Petitioners

for opening a Road through his Land along the East River to the New Slaughter House at Corlaers Hook; was read & ordered to be taken into consideration at the next Meeting.

Ordered that the Treasurer of this City do by advertizement in the public News Papers, notify all Persons indebted to this Corporation for Rents or otherwise that unless they discharge those Demands agt them by the first Day of October next they will be proceeded agt according to Law & Ordered that the Treasurer do after that Day proceed against all the Delinquents accordingly.

Ordered that the Treasurer do expose to sale at public Vendue the Improvements on Lots No 102 & 103 in Chatham Street provided the Lessee of this Corporation Mr Isaac Seabring surrender his Lease— that the surplus Money arising from the Sale after deducting the Rent in Arrear & due to this Corporation be paid to Mr Seabring And that the Purchasor have a new Lease for 21 Years at the annual Rent of £6.

[134] Ordered that Aldn Blagge and Gilbert & Mr Ten Eyck be a Committee to prepare & Report the Dr of a respectful Address from this Corporation to the honble John Jay Esquire lately returned from his Embassy to the Courts of France & Spain.

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| No 123 issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Rinier Skaats in full of his Acct for 3 Months Attendance as City Marshall & 3 Mths extra Services & for Attending & Summons the Justices & Vestrymen to the 15th Instant.) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £18:—:— |
| No 124 issued | Ordered the like to pay Doctor Peter Van Bueren in full of his Acct (for attendance & Medicine at the Alms House from Decr 4th last to July 4th last @ £80 per Annum) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board ..... | £46:13: 4 |
| No 125 issued | Ordered the like to pay Matthias Rayner in full of his Acct (for making and repairing public Lamp Irons) audited by the Comtee & allowed by the Board..... | £17: 1: 3 |
| No 126 issued | Ordered the like to advance John McComb on Acct (towards repairs to the Bridewell the Sum of..... | £200:—:— |
| [135] No 127 issued | Ordered the like to pay Isaac Sears & Wm Malcom Esqrs for so much by them advanced for clearing & filling Beekmans Slip as pr their Acct audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £17: 2: 1 |
| No 128 issued | Ordered the like to pay Thos Stevenson in full his two Accts (for superintending and Monies by him advanced to the Repairs to the Fly Market) audited & allowed as above..... | £70:15: 1 |

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| N° 129 issued | Ordered the like to pay Pelatiah Haws in full of his Acct (for removing an Old Distillery in Cherry Street said to be the property of Messrs Ray & Bogert) audited & allowed as above..... | £9: 8: 6 |
| N° 130 issued | Ordered the like to pay Elias Burger the Sum of his Acct (for laying a Wharf across Beekman's Slip) audited & allowed as above..... | £100:—:— |
| N° 131 issued | Ordered the like to pay Jacob Gerrebrantse in full of his Acct (for making a Bulkhead across Dey's Slip) audited & allowed as above..... | £16:11: 1 |
| N° 132 issued | Ordered the like to pay Andrew Thompson Junr in full of his Acct (for Masons & Labours Work on Repairs at the Fly Market) audited & allowed as above..... | £122:—:— |
| [136] N° 133 issued | Ordered the like to pay John Broome Esqr in full of his Acct (for 170 Yds Oznabriggs for the Alms House) audited & allowed as above..... | £6:15:— |
| N° 134 issued | Ordered the like to pay John Faught in full of his Acct (for Lime at the Repairs on the Fly Market) audited & allowed as above..... | £9:16:— |
| N° 135 issued | Ordered the like to pay Abm Van Gelder in full of his Acct (for lighting & cleaning the public Lamps from 26th June to 26th July last) audited & allowed as above ..... | £31: 3: 4 |
| N° 136 issued | Ordered the like to pay Jonathan Pearey the Sum of £94:7:6 in full of his Acct for victualling Prisoners in April—the Sum of £55:11:6 for the like in May—the Sum of £44:5:— for the like in June—the Sum of £61:13:6 for the like in July last And the Sum of £16:14:6 for cleaning the Goal & other contingent Expences, All which sd Accounts were audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board amounting in the whole to ..... | £272:12:— |

Mr Mayor informed the Board that by the late Law for regulating the public Markets it was doubtful whether the late Repairs to the Markets were intended [137] to be defrayed out of the Market Fees or at the Corporation Expence and requested the Opinion of the Board thereon

Whereupon it was declared by the Board that the Common and ordinary Repairs & the sweeping and cleaning of the Markets were intended to be defrayed out of the Market Fees, and not the extra-ordinary and great Repairs which the Markets required by Reason of the Ruinous Condition in which they were found on the Evacuation of this City by the British Troops.

[138] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 1st Day of September 1784.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldermen | Danl Phœnix | Assistants |
| Thos Randall | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| John Broome | | Henry Shute | |
| Thos Ivers | | Jeremh Wool | |
| Ichabud Stienbrach | Carmen | were admitted & sworn as freemen & | |
| John Snyder | | ordered to be registered. | |

Ordered that the Alderman & Assist of the Out-Ward take to their Assistance Mr Bancker one of the City Surveyors & view & report a Regulation for preventing the Nuisance occasioned by the Stagnated Water in the southern part, of the Ward, commonly called the Meadows.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the South Ward enquire into the State of the ferry from Whitehall Slip & report at the next Meeting.

Mr Phœnix laid before the Board an Acct delivered to him by the Widow of Whitehead Hicks Esqr decd late Mayor [139] of this City, of Licenses granted to Tavern Keepers previous to the late War and not accounted for with the Corporation.

Ordered that the said Account be referred to the Committee of Accounts.

Resolved & agreed that the Alderman of each Ward be requested to issue his Precept to the Constables of his Ward or either of them commanding him or them to enquire into & report the Names Ages & Places of Abode of every Negro & Molatto in his Ward; Distinguishing, if they are Slaves, the Names of their respective Masters & Mistresses And if they are or claim to be free the Place & Manner in which they were made free & the time of their Residence in this City: And that the respective Aldermen do report as particularly as shall be found practicable the Cases of such Negro's or Molatto's as shall claim to be free as aforesaid. To the end that this Corporation may be enabled to proceed thereon as the Law requires And it is further agreed that *that* the Constables to be employed in [140] this Service shall be entitled to a reasonable Compensation for the same

A Petition of George Poalk praying a New Lease for Lot No 13 formerly leased to Martin Pendergrast, and that he will (as soon as he recovers the same from Nichs Jones who received the Rents of the said

Lot during the War) pay up the back Rents due to this Corporation; was read and referred to the Committee on the Petitions for abatement of Rent.

A Petition of Henry Emanuel Lutterloh Andrew Lott & Henry Sheaf praying a Grant of the Water Lot fronting Dey's Street to extend seventy-five feet along the Shore & 200 feet from low Waters Mark into Hudsons River, subject to such Quit Rent as to this Board shall seem reasonable; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward.

A Petition of Joseph Beck praying to be appointed to the Office of Dock Master was read & the Consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of franckfort Street & Parts adjacent praying that a late Regulation for raising the said Street [141] above the former Regulation may not take Place; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistant of Montgomerie Ward.

A Petition of Thomas Turner praying the Use of the Room in the Exchange for the purposes of teaching Dancing & Fencing; was read.

Ordered that Mr Turner be informed that the said Room is disposed of for other Purposes.

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| No 137 issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to advance to Wm Smith on Acct towards making & repairing public Wells & Pumps..... | £100:—:— |
| No 138 issued | Ordered the like to advance John McComb on Acct towards Repairs to the Bridewell..... | £120:—:— |
| No 139 issued | Ordered the like to pay William Smith in full of the Ballce of his Acct (for Iron Work to the Goal) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board.... | £171:14: 8 |
| No 140 issued | Ordered the like to pay Andrew Billings the Sum of fifteen Pounds ten Shillings in full of his Acct for making New Corporation Mayoralty & Mayors Court Seals—audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board ..... | £15:10:— |
| No 141 issued | [142] Ordered the like to pay Robt Harpin Depy Secretary for Copies of Laws as pr his Acct audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £1: 8:— |
| No 142 issued | Ordered the like to pay Henry Shute in full of his Acct (for repairing the Roads) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £124: 8: 5 |
| No 143 issued | Ordered the like to pay George Lucam the Sum of forty eight Pounds twelve Shillings being the surplus of the Money arising from the Sale of the Improvemts on Lots No 5 & 6 in Chatham Street | |

Mr Mayor pursuant to the Ordinance of this Corporation in that case made & provided produced to the Board the Corporation, the Mayoralty & the Mayors Court Seals altered agreable to the Directions

of the said Ordinance; which said Seals being respectively examined & approved of by the Board, it was thereupon Ordained determined & declared that the said Seals respectively be adopted as the public Seals of this City & that the old Seals be broken by the Clerk in presence of Mr Mayor And the said Old Seals were respectively broken accordingly

[143] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 8th Day of Septr 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Danl Phœnix | Assists |
| Jno, Broome | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Thos Ivers | | Saml Johnson | |
| Abm P Lott | | Jer. Wool | |
| William Neilson | | | |

A Petition of John Gilbert praying to be appointed an Inspector of Wood; was read

Ordered that he be informed that the Board know of no vacancy in that Office.

A Petition of Elizth Mesier Widow of Abm Mesier relative to the ferry across the North River to Pawlus Hook; was read & the Consideration thereof postponed

Aldn Gilbert from the Committee on the Subject made a Verbal Report relative to the ferries at the North River.

Thereupon Ordered that John Van Alen and no other Person, occupy the Ferry [144] across the North River from the Corporation Wharf to Hoboock during the Pleasure & until the further Order of this Board & that he pay therefor to the use of this Corporation as an acknowledgment of their Right at the Rate of twenty shillings per annum.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the Out Ward direct the making of a Bulkhead across Catharine Slip at the public Expence

Aldn Ivers informed the Board of a distressed family of Paupers whose proper Residence was in the State of Georgia that they were likely to become chargeable to the City & that they were desirous of returning to their former home but were unable to defray the Expence of their Passage & Subsistence.

Thereupon Ordered that Aldn Ivers procure a Passage for the said family & that this Board will contribute Ten Dollars & one barrel of

Pork & one barrel of Beef towards defrays the Expence of their Passage & Subsistence.

A Petition of Thomas Lafoy praying a Lease for a Lot near the bear Market or the Privilege of erecting a Hatters Shop there was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward.

[145] On reading a Petition of a number of Inhabitants in Chatham Street & Tryon Row praying that the building lately erected for the execution of Criminals may not be placed near their Houses it was Ordered that the said Building be removed & placed between & on a Range with the Alms House & Goal.

Ordered that Luke C Quick be & he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain &c in the stead of Garret Kip who declines serving.

A Petition of John Bancker & the Heirs of Jacob Remsen decd praying a remission of Quit Rent become due during the War was read & referred to the Committee on Petitions of a similar Nature.

Ordered that Samuel De Groot Junr Act as Inspector of Wood in his fathers stead during his fathers Indisposition.

Ordered that the Streets in front of Counties, Pecks & Burlings Coenties Slips be regulated & paved under the Direction of the Aldn & Assist of the respective Wards in which they lie in like manner & on the same Principles as the old Slip.

Mr Phœnix in behalf of Mr Recorder delivered in the following Report; which [146] was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

"The Committee consisting of the Recorder Aldermen Broome & "Neilson & Messrs Phœnix & Wool Do report that they have consid- "ered the Petition of the Minister Elders & Deacons of the reformed "protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York dated the 30th of "March last & Read in Common Council on the same Day And that "they are unanimously of Opinion that the Yearly Rent of seventy "Pounds reserved in a certain Grant made to the said Church by the "Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York & bearing "Date the twelfth Day of Octr 1768 which accrued between the first "Day of May 1776 and the 24th Day of November 1783 inclusive, be "remitted. The Committee further Report that they have considered "the Petition of the Minister Elders & Deacons of the Presbyterian "Congregation of the City of New York Dated the 24th of March & "read in Common Council on the 30th of March last And that they are "unanimously of Opinion that the Yearly Rent of forty Pounds re- "served on the Grant made to the Revd John Rogers & others and "bearing Date the twenty fifth Day of February 1766 and which

"became Due between [147] the first Day of May 1776 & the 24th "Day of November 1783 inclusive be remitted And the Committee "are further of Opinion that the Rent of forty Pounds per annum "reserved in the said Grant is too high for the quantity of Land con- "tained therein that therefore the Sum of eighteen Pounds fifteen "Shillings of the said forty Pounds be annually remitted to the "Grantees.

Richd Varick
Recorder & Chairman
Jno Broome
W. Neilson
Jeremh Wool
Danl Phœnix"

New York July 30th 1784

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| No 144. issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Walter Hyer in full of his Acct for 22 load of paving Stone, audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £4: 8:— |
| No 145 issued | Ordered the like to pay Stevens & Hubbell in full of their Acct (for lumber in repairs the Goal) audited & allowed as above..... | £65: 1: 3 |
| No 146 issued | Ordered the like to pay Josiah Furman in full of his Acct (for glazing & Paints at the Goal & the execution House &c) audited & allowed as above..... | £42:14: 2 |
| [148] | | |
| No 147 issued | Ordered the like to pay Jacob Klock in full of his Acct (for Carpenters & Laborers & Materials on Repairs at the Fly Market) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Bd..... | £136:10: 2 |
| No 148 issued | Ordered the like to pay Richard Smith in full of his Acct (for Carpenters Work in repairs City Hall maks Lamp Posts &c &c) audited & allowed as above..... | £33:11:— |
| No 149 issued | Ordered the like to pay Aldn Blagge for so much by him advanced Jehiel Ferriss in full of his Acct (for 21 Load of paving Sand at Burling Slip) audited & allowed as above..... | £1: 1:— |
| No 150 issued | Ordered the like to pay Henry Tiebout the Sum of twenty Pounds (being the surplus of the Money granted towards the digging out of Cortlandts Street) to be applied in like Manner towards digging out of Deys Street ..... | £20:—:— |
| No 151 issued | Ordered the like to advance John McComb On Acct towards repairs to the Bridewell..... | £100:—:— |

[149] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 11th Day of September 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge<br>Abraham P Lott<br>Thomas Randall<br>John Broome<br>William Neilson | Esqrs Aldn | Daniel Phœnix<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Samuel Johnson | Assist |

A Letter from Gerard Bancker Esqr Treasurer of this State dated this Day, requesting to be informed whether the Warrts directed (by the second Section of the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act for raising 100,000 Pounds within the several Counties therein mentioned") to be issued by the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen to the Assessors, have been issued & Whether the Assessors have duly returned their Tax Lists; was read.

Thereupon Ordered that the Clerk of this Board wait on Mr Treasurer Bancker & inform him that the [150] Mayor Recorder & Aldermen did, in pursuance of the Directions of the said Law, immediately on Receipt of a Copy thereof, convene & issue their Warrants to the Assessors & that no Tax Lists have as yet been exhibited to them excepting those of the East & Dock Wards which were respectively exhibited on the first Instant & that of the South Ward which was exhibited on the 8th Inst

Ordered that five respectful Addresses from this Corporation be presented with the freedom of this City in Gold Boxes, one to his Excellency, the Governor,* one to his Excellency General Washington—one to the honble John Jay Esqr one to the honble the Marquis Delafayette, & one to Major General Baron Steuben—And that Mr Mayor & Mr Recorder prepare & report the Addresses & that Aldn Gilbert Mr Johnson & Mr Phœnix direct the making of the Gold Boxes† accordingly.

Mr Mayor informed the Board that as the Marquis Delafayett would depart this City in a Day or two he had prepared the Dr of an

*Marginal note reads *George Clinton.*—Ed.

†Marginal note reads—
*2 cost about £29: 8: each Dollars 73.50. See P. 204. Warrant No 194.*
*2 do cost £28: 5 ea P. 214. Warrt No 216.*
*1 do £45: 16. $114.50 P. 220. Wart No 221.*—Ed.

Address to him as also of the Certificate of his freedom of this City which were read & approved by the Board, in the Words follow[g] viz[t]

[151] "To the right honorable The Marquis De la Fayette Marechal De Camp of the Armies of his most Christian Majesty and Major General in the Service of the United States of America.

Sir We the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York are Happy in the Opportunity which your presence affords us of giving you a public Testimony of our Esteem It is with peculiar Pleasure we welcome you to a Place the repossession of which was so long a principal Object of those Wishes and Efforts in which you so zealously participated. The early and adventurous Part you took in the Revolution and the essential Services which you have rendered, in different Situations, will ever endear you to those to whom the Rights of America are Dear. Altho' Sir we are persuaded that in the Affections of a free People you will find the most pleasing Tribute to your distinguished Merits We beg leave as a Token of our peculiar Regard to present you with the Freedom of this City and to assure you that we feel ourselves deeply interested in your Happiness and Prosperity.

By order of the Common Council.

New York Sept[r] 14[th] 1784 Ja[s] Duane Mayor

City of New York ss. James Duane Esq[r] Mayor the Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Send Greeting.

Whereas the Right honorable The Marquis De la Fayette Mareschal De Camp of the Armies of his most Christian Majesty and Major General in the Service of the United States of America, by the early [153] and adventurous Part which he took in the late Revolution by which the Liberties and Independence of the United States are happily established and the essential Services he hath performed in different Situations hath endeared himself to all to whom the Rights of America are Dear And we being desirous of giving him a public Testimony of our Esteem and of our high Sense of his distinguished Merit and essential Services Be it therefore known to all whom it may concern that the said Marquis De la Fayette is by these Presents admitted and received a Freeman and Citizen of the City of New York in the State of New York in America.

In Testimony whereof We caused the public Seal of the said City to be here unto affixed

Witness James Duane Esq[r] Mayor of the said City this fourteenth

Day of September in the Year of our Lord 1784 & of the Independence of the State the ninth

James Duane.

By order of the Common Council
Robt Benson Clk

[152] Whereas Aldn Broome informed the Board that the Inhabitants at & in the Vicinity of the Old Slip were desirous of makg a public Walk of eight or Ten feet wide, to be laid with flagged Stones at their own expence in the middle of the Street leading to the said Slip to commence on the South Side of Dock Street & to extend to the North side of Water Street and therefore requested permission of the Corporation for that Purpose

Ordered that they have leave to make the said Walk to continue during the Pleasure of this Corporation.

Ordered that the City Treasurer lay before this Board an Acct of the Debts due from this Corporation on Bond distinguishing Principle & Interest Also of the Interest he may have paid on any Bonds against this Corporation.

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| [154] No 152 issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Stephen Allen in full of his Acct for repairg the Road from Gt George Street to Sand Hill Road in 1775 audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board | £10:—:— |
| No 153 issued | Ordered the like to pay Daniel Phœnix for the like Sum by him paid to Robt Lawton in full of his Acct for 13 Casks spermaceti Oil audited & allowed as above | £147:—: 8 |
| No 154 issued | Ordered the like to pay Jacob Hallet in full of his Acct for 2825 loads Dirt for filling the old Slip audited & allowed as above | £70:12: 6 |
| No 155 issued | Ordered the like to pay John Gortsel in full of his Acct for the Repairs at the Fly Market audited & allowed as above | £1:12:— |
| No 156 issued | Ordered the like to pay Philip Jacobs in full of his Acct for 9 Pieces Check for the use of the Poor House, audited & allowed as above | £12:16: 6 |

[155] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 15th Septr 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abm P Lott | } Esqrs Aldn | Jeremh Wool | } Assistants |
| Thos Randall | | Saml Johnson | |
| John Broome | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Thos Ivers | | Daniel Phœnix | |

William Hope was admitted & sworn as a Freeman of the City & ordd to be registered

Mr Mayor laid before the Board certain Rules agreed to & signed by the Commissrs for the Govt of the Alms House & House of Employment which were read & unanimously approved of by the Board & filed.

A Petition of Eve Provoost praying a Remission of Quit Rent, on Water Lots, which became due during the War—was read & referred to the Committee on similar Petitions.

A Petition of Elizth Harrison relative to a Lot of Ground in St James Street in the Possession of Jno Franklin was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the Out Wd

[156] The Board proceed to the appointment of Persons in each Ward to preside at & be the returning Officers of the ensuing Election for City Officers and of the Places in each Ward at which the Election should be held; which are as follow vizt

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| South Ward ..... | Corns C Roosevelt..... | Exchange |
| Dock Do ..... | William Gilbert ..... | Do |
| North Do ..... | George Janeway ..... | City Hall |
| East Do ..... | Henry Will ..... | Coffee House |
| West Do ..... | Barnards Swartwout.... | Oswego Market |
| Montgomerie Do ..... | George Fisher ..... | Pecks Slip Market |
| Out Do ..... | Henry Rutgers ..... | Barnes's in Rutgers's old House |

The Treasurer according to order laid before the Board an Acct of the Debts due from this Corporation on Bond; which was read & ordered to be filed.

The Members having waited on the Right honble the Maquis De la Fayette with the Address of this Corporation Mr Mayor laid on the Table the Marquis' Answer which was read & is in the Words follows viz

"To the honorable the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York

Gentlemen

While I am honored with so flattering Marks of your Esteem it is [157] a peculiar Gratification to me to receive them in this City where with Delight I see the triumphant Restoration of the American Flag.

Amidst Hardships of War, which so heavily fell upon you, it has been your noble Task to give the World an Example of Disinterestedness and Fortitude—To unite with you in common Efforts and common Wishes, became my fortunate Lot; And altho' from a powerful Cooperation, then in readiness, we had a Right to expect the Repossession of New York, yet did I feel much happier, in the far better Method by which the End of your Exile was made a signal for restored Peace

In the precious Testimonies of your Partiality, now afforded me, I most pleasingly enjoy the new Tie that connects me with this City; And whilst I ardently share with you in every concern for it's Prosperity I beg leave to assure you, that the warmth of my Zeal can only be equalled by the Feelings of my Respect and Gratitude

De la Fayette.

[158] City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Monday Sept$^{r}$ 20$^{th}$ 1784

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Jeremiah Wool | Assist$^{s}$ |
| John Broome | | Daniel Phœnix | |
| Abraham P Lott | | Samuel Johnson | |
| William Neilson | | Abraham Van Gelder | |
| Thomas Ivers | | | |
| William W Gilbert | | | |

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert, Lott & Ivers be a Committee to direct such further Repairs as may be necessary to the Goal.

M$^{r}$ Mayor informed the Board that His Excellency the Governor was returned to this City And that according to Order the Recorder & himself had prepared an Address to his Excellency together with a Certificate of the Freedom of this City which were read and unanimously approved of by the Board and are as follow viz$^{t}$

"To His Excellency George Clinton Esquire Governor of the State of New York &c &c &c

[159] The respectful Address of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York

May it please your Excellency

We the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York congratulate Your Excellency on your Return to this Metropolis from the western Frontier

The Uprightness of your Conduct, your uniform Zeal for the public Good and the important Part both in the Field and in the Senate which you have acted in vindicating the Liberties of America have justly elevated you to a high Place in the Confidence and Esteem of your Country Permit us then to embrace this Opportunity of uniting our Applauses to those of other public Bodies who have already paid their Tribute to your Merit; And be pleased to accept of the Freedom of this City, now respectfully presented, as a Testimony of our high Sense of your Services, of our affectionate Regard for your Person and of our earnest Wishes for your domestic Happiness and the Tranquility of your Administration

By order of the Common Council

James Duane Mayor

[160] City of New York } ss.

By James Duane Esquire Mayor the Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come or may in any wise concern Greeting. Whereas His Excellency George Clinton Esquire Governor of the State of New York, by the Uprightness of his Conduct, by his uniform Zeal for the public Good and by the important Part, in the Field and in the Senate, which he hath acted, in vindicating the Liberties and establishing the Independence of America, justly possesses a high Place in the Confidence and Esteem of his Country: Now know ye that we being desirous to unite our Applauses to those of other public Bodies who have already paid their Tribute to his distinguished Merit, to manifest our Affection for his Person, and to perpetuate the just Sense which we entertain of his important Services, Have admitted and received And by these Presents Do admit and receive His said Excellency George Clinton Esquire to be a Freeman of the said City of New York To hold exercise and enjoy All the Rights Priviledges Advantages and Immunities [161] to the Freedom

of the said City incident and appertaining. In Testimony whereof we have caused the public Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed and enclosed in a Golden Box Witness James Duane Esquire Mayor of the said City this twenty second Day of September in the Year of our Lord 1784 and of the Independence of the State the ninth.

Jas Duane.

By order of the Common Council
Robt Benson Clk

Ordered that Aldermen Broome & Neilson wait on his Excellency to know when & where he will be pleased to receive this Board with the said Address That they inform Mr Mayor of his Excellency's Answer & that Mr Mayor convene the Members to wait on his Excellency accordingly.

[162] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 24th Day of September 1784

Present/ James Duane Esquire Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Thomas Ten Eyck | Assists |
| William Neilson | | Saml Johnson | |
| Thomas Randall | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Daniel Phœnix | |
| John Broome | | | |
| Abm P Lott | | | |

The Mayor Recorder & the other Members of the Board having waited on His Excellency the Governor on Wednesday last with their Address, the Answer which his Excellency had been pleased to make thereto was read in the Words following vizt

"Gentlemen

Be pleased to accept of my warmest Acknowledgments for your very polite and affectionate Address.

If my Attempts to serve my Country have contributed to the Happiness of my Constitutents I could not meet a Reward which I more highly esteem [163] than their Confidence and Approbation And permit me to assure you that the Pleasure I now experience in receiving this honorable Testimony of your favorable Opinion of my public Conduct and Regard for my Person is greatly enhanced when I reflect that it is to your Wisdom we are so much indebted for the Tranquility and good Order which prevails in this Metropolis.

New York Septr 22d 1784 Geo: Clinton."

The Clerk according to Order produced the Draft of a Grant from this Corporation to The hon^ble^ Pierre Van Cortlandt Esq^r^ and Cornelia De Peyster Also the Draft of a Grant from this Corporation to Mary Brownejohn Gabriel William Ludlow Cornelius Clopper James Beekman & Henry Remsen Executors of the last Will & Testament of William Brownejohn deceased of two Water Lots at Burnets Key in the East Ward; which were respectively read & ordered to be engrossed

Ordered that John Franklin be & he is hereby appointed to preside at & be the returning Officer at the ensuing Election for City Officers in the Out Ward [164] in the stead of Henry Rutgers who appears to be non resident in the Ward.

A second Application of Mess^rs^ Lutterloh Lott & Sheaf relative to a Grant of some of the Corporation Water Lots at the North River was read & referred to the Committee on their former Petition on that Subject

A Petition of Rob^t^ C. Livingston on behalf of his Father praying a remission of Quit Rents on Water Lots during the War; was read & referred to the Committee on similar Petitions.

A Petition of Jacob Day & Joseph Smith praying a Lease of the Ferry across the North River to Hoboken was read & Thereupon Ordered that the Ferry across the North River from the Corporation Wharf to Hoboken be exposed to Sale on the Day of October next at Ten O'Clock in the Forenoon at the Bear Market—the Purchasor to have a Lease from the Corporation for the exclusive Right of the said Ferry for the Term of three Years subject to such Conditions as shall be made known at the Time and Place of Sale by Daniel Phœnix Esq^r^ Treasurer of the said City.

[165] A Petition of John Bish praying to be appointed to the Office of an Inspector of Wood at the old Slip was read.

Ordered that John Bish be & he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Wood at the Old Slip in the Stead of Gilbert Smith dec^d^ accordingly

M^r^ Mayor presented to Board two Presentments made by the Grand Jurors at the late Court of Oyer & Terminer & delivered to him by M^r^ Chief Justice Morris—the one ag^t^ Kings Bridge & the Road in its vicinity. And the other ag^t^ the Hulks of Vessels lying at Beekmans Slip & at the West Pier of the Albany Bason which were respectively read And thereupon

Ordered that David Waldron be and he is hereby appointed Road Master for the Haerlem Division in the Out Ward in the stead of John Sickels deceased.

Ordered that Mr Waldron do without delay use his utmost Exertions in causing such Repairs to be made to Kings Bridge & the Roads (both which have been presented as above as dangerous Nuisances) so as to render them safe and to remove all Cause of Complaint.

On a Suggestion of Alderman Blagge Ordered that Permission be given to widen the Street along the East Side of Pecks Slip two feet.

[166] A Petition [of] Henry Kipp praying that a Committee be appointed for laying out & regulating Streets through a Piece of Ground belonging to him & others near the Kalck Hook was read

Ordered that Aldn Lott & Gilbert & Messrs Johnson & Van Gelder be a Committee for laying out & regulating those Streets accordingly

A Petition of John Bartow of East Chester praying a Remission of Quit Rents on certain Water Lots which became due during the War; was read & rejected.

A Letter of Comfort Sands Esqr & Joshua Sands praying that a Committee be appointed to settle the Boundary Line between his Land & that of the Corporation at Brooklin and also praying a Grant of the Soil under Water near the Ferry Wharf; was read, and referred to Aldn Blagge & Lott & Mr Phœnix.

A Representation of Abraham B Bancker Clerk of the Senate relative to the bad State of the Senate Chamber owing to the Leaking of the Roof of the City Hall, was read.

Ordered that the said Chamber & the Roof of the City Hall be so repaired & put in proper Order for the Reception of the Senate as to Mr Wool shall appear necessary who is appointed to superintend & direct the same.

[167] No 157 issued — Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to advance Benjamin Blagge Esqr the Sum of £40 on Acct towards defraying the Expences of filling & repairing Beekmans Slip ..... £40:—:—

No 158 issued — Ordered the like to advance John McComb on Acct towards repairs to the Bridewell the Sum of ..... £200:—:—

No 159 issued — Ordered the like to pay Lawrence Embree in full of his Acct (for Work, Carting & Materials on Repairs at Burlings Slip) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Bd ..... £51: 5: 2

No 160 issued — Ordered the like to pay Abm Van Gelder in full of his Acct (for lighting Lamps from 26th July to 26th Augt) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board ..... £31: 1: 8

No 161 issued — Ordered the like to pay Jonas Pearcy in full of his Acct (for victualling Prisoners) from the 1st Augt to 31st inclusive) audited by the Committee & allowed as above ..... £83:19:—

Ordered that no more of Mr Pearsee's Acctᵃ be received & audited unless he particularly specify therein the Name of each Person by him daily subsisted.

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| Nº 162 issued | Ordered the like to pay John B Dash in full of his Acct (for repairing Fire Engines) audited & allowed as above ..... | £21: 1: 6 |
| [168] | | |
| Nº 163 issued | Ordered the like to pay Richd Leycraft in full of his Acct (for brass Chambers to Pumps) audited & allowed as above..... | £44: 8:— |
| Nº 164 issued | Ordered the like to pay John McBain in full of his Acct (for makg & repairing the public Pumps) audited and allowed as above..... | £12:16:10 |
| Nº 165 | Ordered the like to pay John Montanye in full of his Acct (for repairs to the public Pumps) audited & allowed as above..... | £8: 3: 6 |
| Nº 166. | Ordered the like to pay Simon Kiersted in full of his Acct (for repairg Wells & Pumps) audited & allowed as above ..... | £54:17: 0 |

[169] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 29th September 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>John Broome<br>Wm Neilson<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Daniel Phœnix<br>Thos Ten Eyck<br>Jereh Wool | Assists |

This being the Day appointed by the Charter of this City for the Election of the several Charter Officers for the ensuing Year, the Returning Officers of the respective Wards, except the Out Ward, delivered in their Returns from which it appeared that the following Persons were elected to wit

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| Jeremiah Wool | Alderman | for the South Ward |
| Aert Huysman | Assistant | |
| John Van Dyck<br>George Jansen | Assessors | |
| Henry Brasher | Collector | |
| John Clarke<br>Elisha Price | Constables | |

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| [170] William Nielson | Alderman | for the Dock Ward |
| Thomas Ten Eyck | Assistant | |
| Jacob Van Voorhis, Philip Lott | Assessors | |
| William Gilbert | Collector | |
| Gideon Spragge, James Stewart | Constables | |
| John Broome | Alderman | for the East Ward |
| Daniel Phœnix | Assistant | |
| Thomas Hazard, John Ray | Assessors | |
| Abraham Van Gelder | Collector | |
| Abraham Van Gelder, James Van Brackel | Constables | |
| William W Gilbert | Alderman | for the West Ward |
| Abraham Van Gelder | Assistant | |
| William Williams, Nicholas C Bogert | Assessors | |
| Gerrit Van Gelder | Collector | |
| Nicholas Conradt, Thomas Kennedy | Constables | |
| Abraham P Lott | Alderman | for the North Ward |
| George Janeway | Assistant | |
| James Bates, Ebenezer Turell | Assessors | |
| Aaron Gilbert | Collector | |
| John Stagg, Peter Hulick | Constables | |
| [171] Benjamin Blagge | Alderman | for Montgomerie Ward. |
| Jonathan Lawrence | Assistant | |
| Joshua Sands, Joseph Stringham | Assessors | |
| William Hardenbrook | Collector | |
| John Faulkner, Hugh Montgomery | Constables | |

Resolved that Daniel Phœnix Esq$^{r}$ be and he is hereby elected and appointed Treasurer or Chamberlain of this Corporation for the year ensuing.

M$^{r}$ Mayor appoints Richard Norris High Constable.

Alderman Broome produced to the Board a Certificate which was read as follows viz$^{t}$

"I Jacobus Stoutenburgh do hereby certify that there were five "hundred and twenty two Musquets belonging to the Corporation of "the City of New York and under my Care in the City Hall, when

" the Account of the Lexington Battle arrived, and were taken away " from thence by sundry Persons together with their several Accou- " trements And I do further certify that twenty eight Musquets more " which also belonged to the Corporation and were given to Mr Isaac " Stoutenburgh to clean &c were taken away from him and that each " of the said Musquets with the Accoutrements is well worth three " Pounds five Shillings and I also further certify that at the same time " Six Iron Bullet Moulds were also taken away from the City Hall.

Jacobus Stoutenburgh."

" New York
" Septr 6th 1775

[172] Ordered that Alderman Broome make the necessary Enquiry on the Subject Matter of the said Certificate & report the same to this Board to the end that Application may be made to the Legislature for the Payment of the said Musquets

Mr Mayor suggested to the Board the propriety of applying to the Legislature for a Grant of certain Piece of Land lying contiguous to the Slaughter House at Corlaers Hook—Thereupon

Ordered that Mr Recorder & be a Committee to prepare & report a Petition from this Board to the Legislature Accordingly.

Ordered that Mr Phœnix the Treasurer of this Corporation lay before this Board a State of his Accounts to the 28th Inst inclusive.

[173] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 2d Octr 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor &c
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abraham P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Daniel Phœnix | Assistants |
| John Broome | | Samuel Johnson | |
| William Nielson | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| William W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Thomas Ivers | | Jeremh Wool | |

Mr Mayor informed the Board that the honble John Jay Esqr was returned to this City and that according to order he & Mr Recorder had prepared the Dr of an Address from this Corporation to Mr Jay & also of the Certificate of his Freedom of this City which were read and unanimously approved of by the Board; & are as follows vizt

"To the honorable John Jay Esquire late one of the Ministers plenepotentiary of the United States of America for negociating a Peace

Sir

Be pleased to accept the Congratulations of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York [174] on your safe Return to the Place of your Nativity.

The Revolution which hath secured our Liberties and Independence will not be more celebrated for the illustrious Events which have marked it's Progress, than for the Roll of Statesmen and Heroes by whose Wisdom and Valour, under the Divine Favor, it hath been established on the most solid Basis

Among these worthy Patriots you, Sir are highly distinguished—in our own Convention—in our first Seat of Justice—as a Member and as President of the United States in Congress assembled—and as a Minister plenepotentiary both in Spain and France—you have executed the important Trusts with Wisdom Firmness and Integrity and have acquired universal Applause.

While you thus possess the national Confidence and Esteem for a series of eminent Services We your fellow Citizens feel a singular Pleasure in embracing this Opportunity to present you with the Freedom of your native City as a public Testimony of the respectful Sentiments we entertain towards you and as a Pledge of our Affection and of our sincere Wishes for your Happiness.

By order &c Ja$^{s}$ Duane Mayor

[175] City of New York } ss.

By James Duane Esquire Mayor and the Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened

To all People to whom these Presents shall come or concern Greeting

Whereas the glorious Revolution which hath secured our Liberties and Independence will not be more celebrated for the illustrious Events which have marked it's Progress than for the Roll of Statesmen and Heroes by whose Wisdom and Valour under the Divine Favor, it hath been established on the most solid Basis. And whereas among these worthy Patriots the honorable John Jay Esquire is highly distinguished, having in our own Convention—in our first Seat of Justice—as a Member and as President of the United States in Con-

gress assembled—and as a Minister plenepotentiary both in Spain and France executed the important Trusts committed to him with Wisdom Firmness and Integrity: and thus by a series of eminent Services obtained the national Confidence and Esteem and universal Applause:

Now therefore know ye that We feeling a singular Pleasure in paying a just Tribute to the Merits of the said John Jay [176] our fellow Citizen Have received and admitted and by these Presents Do receive and Admit him to be a Freeman of his native City To hold exercise and enjoy All the Rights Priviledges Advantages and Immunities to the Freedom of the said City incident or appertaining as a public Testimony of the respectful Sentiments we entertain towards him and as a Pledge of our Affection and of our sincere Wishes for his Happiness and Prosperity

In Testimony whereof We have caused the public Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed and these Presents to be enclosed in a Golden Box

Witness James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor of the said City, this Day of October in the Year of our Lord 1784 & of the Soveignty & Independence of the State of New York the Ninth

Ja$^{s}$ Duane.

By order of the
Common Council

Rob$^{t}$ Benson Clk

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Lott Gilbert & Ivers wait on M$^{r}$ Jay to know when & where he will be pleased to receive this Board with the said Address That they inform M$^{r}$ Mayor of his Answer & that M$^{r}$ Mayor convene the Members to wait on him accordingly.

[177] Monday Noon Oct$^{r}$ 4$^{th}$ 1784

M$^{r}$ Mayor having convened the Members of the Corporation they proceeded to wait on M$^{r}$ Jay with their Address to which he was pleased to make the following$^{g}$ Answer

"To the worshipful the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the "City of New York

"Gentlemen.

"Accept my warmest Thanks for your affectionate Congratulations on my Return to my native Country; and for the particular Mark of Approbation with which you have honored my Endeavors to do my Duty in promoting it's Welfare. I consider the Day on which I again landed on these Shores, as one of the happiest with which an indulgent

Providence has blessed me; and that Satisfaction was encreased by finding my Fellow Citizens in the Enjoyment of public Tranquility & private Security under the Auspices of Magistrates who had given early Proofs of Attention to both.

I cannot omit this Opportunity of offering to you Gentlemen my Congratulations on our having attained the Objects of a War, in the Course of which America in general, & this Part of it in particular, displayed examplary Magnanimity & Perseverance; and exhibited to the World, the [178] singular Spectacle of a patriot Army of Citizens, peaceably retiring with their great and good Chief, crowned with Laurels & the Blessings of the People, to fill the various Stations of private Life.

If we cultivate the Virtues and observe the Policy requisite in Peace, with the Attention paid to those which (with the Blessing of Heaven) gave Success to the War—If our Views be national—our Union preserved—our Faith kept—War, however improbable, provided for—Knowledge diffused—and our fœderal Government rendered efficient, we, cannot fail to become a great and happy People.

This being a Land of Light and Liberty I bless God that it is the Land of my Nativity. Here my Forefathers* sought and found freedom and Toleration. I am bound to it by the strongest Ties, and as it's Happiness has been the first Object of my Endeavours from early Life, so the most fervent Wishes for it's Prosperity shall be among those of my latest Hours.

John Jay

[179] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 8th Day of October 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Abm P Lott
John Broome
William Nielson
Thomas Ivers
Wm W Gilbert
} Esqrs Aldn

Daniel Phœnix
Jer. Wool
Abm Van Gelder
Thos Ten Eyck
} Assist.

Mr Mayor produced the Draft of an Address to Baron Steuben as also of a Certificate of his Freedom of this City which were respectively read & agreed to by the Board and are in the Words following vizt

*Marginal note reads *From France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes A. D. 1684.*—Ed.

To the honorable Frederick William Baron de Steuben late Major General & Inspector General in the Armies of the United States of America.

The Address of the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York.

[180] In offering Testimonials of the Respect of this Corporation for Individuals who have distinguished themselves in our happy Revolution, we cannot be unmindful of the Merits of the Baron de Steuben

We recollect with Pleasure Sir, among other important Services, which you have rendered, that to your well directed Efforts this Country is essentially indebted for the Introduction of that System into our military Establishments, on which the Reputation and Success of our Arms so much depended. The Battle of Monmouth, soon after the Commencement of your Labour and every subsequent Event of the late War, are memorable Proofs of the Utility of that System in the Field and the Records of Congress bear Testimony in how great a Degree it contributed to promote the Interests of national Œconomy.

As a public Mark of the Sense we entertain of your Services and of our Esteem for you personally we present you with the Freedom of the City within the Limits of which you have chosen your Residence. We shall only add that the Interest we take in your Happiness dictates our warmest Wishes that you may experience from the Citizens of this State at large every species of Distinction [181] and Acknowledgment which can contribute to render that Residence agreable.

By order of the Common Council

Ja$^{s}$ Duane Mayor

City of New York ss. By James Duane Esquire Mayor & the Recorder Aldermen & Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened. To all People to whom these Presents shall come or concern Greeting

Whereas the honorable Frederick William Baron de Steuben—Major General & Inspector General of the Armies of the United States of America, among other Individuals who have distinguished themselves in our happy Revolution hath rendered important Services, and this Country is more especially indebted to his well directed Efforts for the Introduction of that System into our military Establishments on which the Reputation & Success of our Arms so much depended; the Battle of Monmouth, soon after the Commencement of his Labours,

and every subsequent Event of the late War being memorable Proofs of the Utility of that System in the field and the Records of Congress bearing Testimony in how great a Degree [182] it contributed to promote the Interests of national Œconomy Now therefore know ye that we being mindful of the distinguished Merit of the said Baron de Steuben Have received and admitted And by these Presents Do receive and admit the said Baron de Steuben to be a Freeman of the said City within the Limits of which he hath chosen his Residence To hold exercise and enjoy all the Priviledges Advantages and Immunities to the freedom of the said City incident & appertaining As a public Mark of the Sense we entertain of his Services, of our Esteem for him personally & of the Interest we take in his Happiness In Testimony whereof we have caused the public Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed & these Presents enclosed in a golden Box Witness James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor of the said City this eighth Day of October in the Year of our Lord 1784 and of the Independence of the State the ninth.

Ja$^{s}$ Duane

By order of the Common Council
Rob$^{t}$ Benson Clk

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Nielson & Broome & M$^{r}$ Ten Eyck wait on the Baron to know when & where he will receive the said Address That they inform M$^{r}$ Mayor of his Answer & M$^{r}$ Mayor convene the Members to wait on him accordingly

[183] M$^{r}$ John Franklin appointed to preside at & be the Returning Officer at the Election in the Out Ward delivered in a Return of the following Officers electing for the ensuing Year viz$^{t}$

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| Nicholas Bayard | | Ald$^{n}$ |
| Henry Shute | | Assist |
| Henry Brevoort<br>Michael Vârian | Bowery Division | Assessors |
| Peter Webbers | | Collector |
| Gerardus Hardenbrook<br>John Webbers | D$^{o}$ | Constables |
| David Waldron<br>Henry Van Breemen | Harlem Division | Assessors |
| Lewis Andrew Gautier<br>Isaac Delamontanye | D$^{o}$ | Constables |

Whereupon Alderman Ivers presented to the Board a Representation setting forth among other Things that he demanded a scrutiny into the Votes at the said Election and his Objections to the eligibility

of Mr Bayard to the said Office for the following Reasons That Mr Bayard after having left the Town did voluntarily Return thereto, enjoyed his property & held employment under the british Government during the War; 2dly That upon Examination it will be found that a great number of [184] Persons voted at the said Election who according to Law ought not to be admitted to give their Votes.

Thereupon Ordered that a Committee of the whole Board examine the Facts stated in Mr Ivers Representation and that the Committee meet on Monday Afternoon next at 3 OClock in the Afternoon.

Ordered that the Clerk furnish Mr Bayard with a Copy of Mr Ivers's Petition & of this Order and that in order to the Scrutiny the Parties deliver in Lists of the Names of such Persons as they deemed disqualified to vote with the Causes of such disqualification And that the Committee do not go into a Scrutiny of any other Votes than those mentioned in such Lists.

Mr Phœnix reported that the Committee had according to order disposed of the Ferry (across the North River from the Corporation Wharf to Hoboken) to John Van Alen for three Years at the Rate of Sixty seven Pounds per Annum payable in quarterly Payments.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to Mr Van Alen for the said Ferry accordingly.

[185] The Clerk produced to the Board the engrossed Grant from this Corporation to the honble Piere Van Cortlandt Esqr & Cornelia De Peyster for a Water Lot at Burnets Key in the East Ward of this City; which being read was approved of & signed by the Mayor & countersigned by the Clerk & ordered to be delivered to the said Pierre Van Cortlandt & Cornelia De Peyster on their executing a counterpart thereof

Ordered that Aldn Nielson Gilbert & Van Gelder be a Committee to inspect & direct such further Repairs as may be necessary to the Bridewell

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| No 167 issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to advance to John McComb the Sum of One hundred Pounds on Acct of Repairs to the Bridewell | £100:—:— |
| No 168 issued | The like to pay Nichs Conradt in full of his Acct (for going to Westchester & Long Island for Witnesses to appear before the Grand Jury) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board..... | £3: 7: 6 |
| No 169 | The like to pay Thomas Ivers Esqr in full of his Acct for Monies by him advanced in removing a Poor family & to several Cartmen in digging a Road through Mr Rutgers Land to the New Slaughter House) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board ..... | £135: 9: 4 |

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| N° 170 issued | The like to pay Daniel Niven in full of his Account (for Repairs to the Goal) audited and allowed as above.... | £299:18:10½ |
| N° 171 issued | The like to advance to the Commiss^rs of the Alms House (agreable to their Estimate produced to & approved of by this Board for Provisions Clothing &^c for the Alms House) ..... | £1500:—:— |
| N° 172 issued | The like to pay Ab^m Van Gelder in full of his Acc^t lighting the City Lamps from 26^th Aug^t to 26^th of Sept^r) audited & allowed as above..... | £31: 6: 8 |
| N° 173 issued | The like to pay Tho^s Gilbert in full of his Acc^t (for attends the late Election in the Dock Ward as Clerk) audited & allowed as above..... | £1:—:— |
| N° 174 issued | The like to pay Samuel Atlee & C° in full of their Acc^t (of beer) audited & allowed as above..... | £3: 4:— |
| N° 175 issued | The like to pay John Mercereau in full of his Acc^t for attends the late Election in the East Ward as Clerk) audited & allowed as above..... | £1:—:— |

[187] Monday Oct^r 11^th 1784

M^r Mayor having convened the Members of the Corporation they proceeded to wait on the Baron de Steuben with their Address to which he was pleased to make the follow^g Answer viz^t

To the honorable the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York

Gentlemen

The flattering Testimonials you have condescended to give me of your Esteem & the kind Approbation with which you have been pleased to reward my well meant Endeavors to render Services to America in the late Arduous Contest inspire me with a Gratitude more easily felt than expressed.

It is not surprizing, however flattering it may be to me, that my Services whatever they may have been, should be recollected by so important & respectable a Part of a Community, which has never ceased to remember those of their own Officers by whom I have been so effectually assisted—To the Abilities & Merit of the Officers & the singular Docility of the Soldiers with whom I had the honor to serve, America is in the highest Degree [188] indebted for that Discipline Order & Œconomy which finally distinguished her Army. To none is she more obliged than to those of this State; And I am happy in having this Opportunity of acknowledging how much I am indebted to them for the Success of the System it became my Duty to propose.

I accept with the most lively Sense the Honor conferred on me by this Mark of personal Attention. If any Thing could add to it's

value it would be enhanced by the manner of your bestowing it. The Proofs I have had of the Esteem of the Inhabitants of this City have convinced me that I have made a happy Choice in fixing on my Place of rest from my military Labours. It will be my highest Ambition to deserve the Honor of being enrolled among them. Possessing the good Opinion of my fellow Citizens & their worthy Magistrates I can with the more Confidence anticipate the Friendship of those of the State at large for whose Prosperity I shall ever most gratefully & sincerely pray

I have the honor to be &c &

Steuben.

[189] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 14th Day of October 1784.

Present/ Jas Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Daniel Phœnix | Assistants |
| Abm P Lott | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| John Broome | | Thomas Ten Eyck | |
| Willm Nielson | | Henry Shute | |
| Thomas Randall | | | |
| William W Gilbert | | | |

Mr Mayor attended by several of the Aldn waited on his Excellency the Govr to know whether any New appointments had been [made] in the Offices of Major &c Sheriff or Coroner and being returned he informed the Members present that by Reason of some unavoidable Accident the Council of appointment had not convened & that no new appointments had been made in those Offices Whereupon Mr Mayor took the Chair and administered the Oaths of Allegiance & of Office as by Law directed to the following Officers vizt

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| [190] Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldn |
| Abraham P Lott | |
| John Broome | |
| William Nielson | |
| William W Gilbert | |
| Nicholas Bayard | |
| Jeremiah Wool | |

On Mr Wool's coming up to be qualified as an Alderman Mr Recorder objected to his being qualified because he held & exercised the Office of Coroner which Office he conceived to be incompatable with that of an Alderman but the Board were of Opinion, that if that should

be the case Mr Wool had a right to make his Election of one of the said Offices. Mr Wool insisted that the said two Offices were not incompatable & tendered himself to be qualified as an Alderman—The Board suspended their further Judgment on the Subject and Mr Wool took the Oaths of an Alderman & Justice of the Peace.

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| Daniel Phœnix<br>Thomas Ten Eyck<br>Abraham Van Gelder<br>Henry Shute<br>Jonathan Lawrence<br>Aert Huysman<br>George Janeway | Assistants |

Mr Recorder raised the like Objection to Mr Phœnix holding at the same time the Offices of an Assistant & Treasurer or Chamberlain —[191] Daniel Phœnix Esqr Treasurer or Chamberlain of this Corporation he having entered into Bond (which this Board approved of) for the due execution of his Office.

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| John Van Dyck<br>Thomas Hazard<br>Joshua Sands<br>Henry Brevoort | William Williams<br>James Bates<br>Joseph Stringham<br>Michael Varian | Assessors |
| Henry Brasher<br>Abraham Van Gelder<br>Aaron Gilbert<br>Peter Webbers | William Gilbert<br>Gerrit Van Gelder<br>Wm Hardenbrook | Collectors |
| Richard Norris | | High Constable |
| John Clarke<br>Gideon Spragge<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Nichs Conradt<br>John Stagg<br>John Faulkner<br>Gerards Hardenbrook<br>Lewis Andrew Gautier | Elisha Price<br>James Stewart<br>Jas Van Brackel<br>Thos Kennedy<br>Peter Hulick<br>Hugh Montgomerie<br>John Webbers | Constables |

George Jansen for the South—Jacob Van Voorheis & Philip Lott for the Dock—John Ray for the East—Nicholas C Bogert for the West & Ebenezer Turell for the North—Wards being respectively returned as Assessors refused to qualify; alledging that they [192] were not Freemen nor Freeholders in the respective Wards in which they were elected Assessors.

Thereupon ordered that the respective Aldermen of the South—Dock, East West & North Wards cause Elections to be held in their

respective Wards for Assessors in the stead of those declared disqualified as aforesaid—& that the Elections be held on the at the same Place in each Ward at which the last Election for Aldermen &c was held

[193] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 20th October 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Benjamin Blagge
Abraham P Lott
John Broome
William W Gilbert
Nicholas Bayard
Jeremiah Wool
} Esqrs Aldn

Daniel Phœnix
Jonathan Lawrence
George Janeway
Henry Shute
Abraham Van Gelder
} Assistts

The Clerk produced to the Board the engrossed Grant from this Corporation to Mary Brownjohn Gabriel William Ludlow Cornelius Clopper James Beekman & Henry Remsen Executors of William Brownjohn decd for a Water Lot at Burnets Key in the East Ward of this City; which being read was approved of by the Board signed by Mr Mayor & countersigned by the Clerk & Ordered to be delivered to the said Executors on their executing a counterpart thereof

[194] Alderman Bayard withdrew and then Alderman Broome from the Committee of the whole Board on the Subject of Alderman Ivers's Representation relative to the late Election in the Out Ward reported that the Committee had gone into the Consideration of Mr Ivers's Objection agt Mr Bayards being qualified to hold the Office of an Alderman, and that after hearing the *the* Parties & Witnesses & duly considering the Case the Committee were unanimously of Opinion that Mr Bayard was not disqualified by the Election Law from holding & exercising the said Office—That as Mr Ivers had neglected to produce a List of the Names of the Persons who had voted for Mr Bayard & against whom he objected as being by Law qualified to vote, the Committee had not entered on the Business of the Scrutiny Which Report was unanimously approved & agreed to by the Board

Then a Memorial of Thomas Ivers Esqr setting forth that many of the Persons who voted for Nichs Bayard Esqr at the late Election in the Out Ward were not qualified accordg to Law & praying that a Scrutiny before this board on the Subject may be ordered; was read

Thereupon Resolved & ordered that on Mr Ivers producing to this Board, within the space of three Weeks, a List of the Names of the Persons who voted for Mr Bayard as Alderman & agt whom Mr Ivers

hath objection specifying the particular Objection ag[t] each Person this Board will without delay resolve itself into a Committee of the whole & scrutinize the said Voters

[195] Ordered that the Clerk send M[r] Ivers a Copy of the preced[g] Resolution & order

Ordered that Ald[n] Broome & Wool & M[r] Janeway be a Committee [to] direct such Repairs to the City Hall as they shall conceive necessary

A Petition of Samuel Francklin praying that the Rent which due during the War to the Corporation, on a Water Lot may be remitted was read & referred to Ald[n] Broome Wool & Bayard

A Petition of Stephen Davenport & a Petition of Henry Low praying a Lease of Land near Enchlambergh was read & rejected.

A Petition of John Van Alen relative to the Ferries of Hoboken & Wiehaack was read & referred to Ald[n] Lott & Gilbert & M[r] Van Gelder.

A Petition of Benjamin Winthrop Administrator of Eliz[th] Sheriff dec[d] praying payment of a Part of the Interest due on a Bond from this Corporation to the said Eliz[th] Sheriff & a New Bond for the Principal & Interest which may remain due. was read & thereupon

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay to Benjamin Winthrop the Sum of £200 on Acc[t] of
N° 176 issued Interest due on Bond from this Corporation to Elizabeth Sheriff

And ordered that the Clerk prepare a [196] New Bond from this Corporation to the said Benjamin Winthrop for the principal & so much of the Interest as remain due after paym[t] of the s[d] £200

Ordered that James Linkleter be & he hereby is appointed a Measurer of Grain in this City during pleasure

A Letter from M[r] T Lawrence complaining of a great want of vigilence in the City Watchmen was read

Ordered that Aaron Gilbert the Cap[t] of the Watch attend this Board at their next Meeting.

Ordered that Ald[n] Broome & Nielson & M[r] Ten Eyck be the Committee for auditing Accounts ag[t] this Corporation.

The following Persons were admitted & sworn as freemen of this City & ordered to be registered viz[t]

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| Hezekiah Van Keuren | Cartman | John Terhune | Cartman |
| John Crawson | D° | George Miller | D° |
| Abraham Brower | D° | Anthony Ford | D° |

[197] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 27th October 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Daniel Phœnix | Assists |
| Abm P Lott | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| John Broome | | Aert Huysman | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Geo. Janeway | |
| | | Henry Shute | |
| | | Jona Lawrence | |

Mr Mayor produced to the Board the Copy of a Petition which he had presented by order & on behalf of this Corporation to the Legislature for a Piece of Ground at Corlaer's Hook as a Pen for the Use of the Slaughter House; which was read & approved

A Petition of Christopher Colles prays Payment of the ballance of an Acct agt the Corporation on a Contract for erecting a Reservoir &c for leads Water into the City was read & referred to Aldn Blagge & Lott & Mr Lawrence

[198] A Petition of James Franklin for an abatement of Quit Rent, which became due during the late War, on a Water Lot at the Ship Yards; was read & referred to the Committee on similar Petitions

Ordered that John Harriot be and he is hereby is appointed an Inspector of Wood at the Old Slip in the Stead of John Bish decd

A Petition of several of the Inhabitants of Dye Street complains of the late Regulation of that Street & praying that it may be altered; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward

A Petition of William Moore praying an abatement of Quit Rent (which became due during the late War) on a Water Lot near Beekmans Slip; was read

Resolved that the Prayer of the said Petition cannot be granted.

Ordered that Aldn Wool & Messrs Ten Eyck & Phœnix be a Committee to settle & determine the Commissions to be allowed the Collectors on the Poor &c &c Tax.

Whereas several Robberies have been lately committed in the Out Ward and their being great Reason to apprehend that the Perpetrators are harbored in [199] two small Houses or Hutts erected on the Commons, near the Six Mile Stone, without permission of this Corporation.

Thereupon Ordered that the said two Houses or Hutts be pros-

trated & that the Constables & Marshalls in the Out Wd cause this Order to be executed without delay

Mr Phœnix Treasurer of this Corporation according to order produced a State of his Accts; which he laid upon the Table.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer for the payment of the follows Accts audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board vizt

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| No 177 issued | Of David Waldron for repairs the Roads in the Out Wd Harlem Division | £57:—:— |
| No 178 issued | Of Patrick Walker for glazing Work done at the Goal | £8:10: 6 |
| No 179 issued | Of Jno McComb for erecting a fire Engine House near St Pauls Chapple | £35: 7: 2 |
| No 180 issued | Of Silvanus Seely for digging out a Well in the South Ward | £4:11: 3 |
| No 181 issued | Of Moses Smith as Clerk at the late Election in the Out Ward | £1:—:— |
| No 182 issued | Of John W Gilbert for the like in the Dock Ward | £1:—:— |
| No 183 issued | Of Patrick Hart & Co for 3 boxes Window Glass | £13:16:— |
| [200] No 184 issued | Of John Sickels decd for work done on the Road in the Out Wd Harlem Division | £75: 1: 8 |
| No 185 issued | Of Elias Burger for builds a Wharf across Pecks Slip | £80:—:— |
| No 186—issued to Mrs Bish | Of John Bish decd for Cartage of Dirt & Sand on Pavs the Street at the Old Slip | £111:19: 6 |

And that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasury for the two follows Advancemts viz

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| No 187 | To Anthony Post towards Repairs to the City Hall | £25:—:— |
| No 188 issued | To John McComb towards Repairs to the Bridewell | £150:—:— |

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*Marginal note reads *Letter to be written to Commissrs abt Greenwich Street.* Apparently this is a memorandum of the clerk.—Ed.

[201] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 11th Day of Novr 1784.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abraham P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Thos Ten Eyck |
| John Broome | | Jonas Lawrence |
| William Neilson | | Abm Van Gelder |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Danl Phœnix |
| | | Aert Huysman |
| | | Geo. Janeway |

Philip Lott & John Suydam Merchts admitted & sworn as freemen of this City.

On reading Petitions of Adam Dobbs & John Meyers.

Ordered that Adam Dobbs & John Meyers be appointed joint Inspectors of fire Wood in the Districts heretofore held by John Elsworth & the said Adam Dobbs & that the said Adam Dobbs & John Meyers attend the Business in the said Districts & receive the fees of Inspects alternately Week & Week about

A very respectful Representation from the Grand Jurors of the late Qr Sessions to the Corporation was read

Thereupon Ordered that the Capt of the City Watch place two Men every Night to guard the City Powder Magazine.

[202] That Mr Lawrence Mr Janeway & Mr Shute be a Committee to devise & report the proper Measures to be taken for the greater security of the Powder Magazine in future.

That Mr Mayor be requested to communicate to his Excellcy the Govr the Opinion of the Grand Jurors respecting the Danger & insecurity of the State Ammunition Store near the Fort.

That the Marshall warn the Owners of the Houses in the said Representation mentioned that unless they do forthwith cause the dangerous Chimnies therein described to be taken down this Board will order it to be done.

On reading a Petition of the Proprietors of Houses & Ground in Catharine Street prays the Aid of the Corporation in sinking a Well in the said Street.

Resolved that this Board will contribute seven Pounds towards the sinking & builds the said Well & putting a Pump therein.

Mr Van Gelder from the Committee to regulate Dye Street reported the follows Regulation as proper which was approved of by the Board vizt

" To begin at the West side of the Broad Way & to continue thence

with a regular Descent of two Inches & a Quarter on every Ten feet to the Pump about half way down the Street [203] and thence with a regular Descent of three Inches on every Ten feet into the River

Alderman Broome from the Committee on the Petition of Sam[l] Franklin read on the 20[th] Ult[o] praying a Remission of the Quit Rent which became due on a certain Water Lot during the War; reported that in the Opinion of the Committee the Prayer of the Petition could not be granted. which Report was approved & agreed to by the Board

A Petition of James Purdy praying a Lease for a Lot of Ground in Chatham Street which Lot he took into Possession in May 1780 & erected a House thereon. was read

Ordered that a Lease be made out to him for the said Lot for 21 Years from the 1[st] May 1780 accordingly.

Adolph Waldron applied to the Board for the exclusive Priviledge of keeping a ferry across the East River at Horns Hook to Hallets Cove on Nassau Island.

Ordered that the said Application be referred to Ald[n] Lott & M[r] Lawrence.

N[o] 189 issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance to John M[c]Comb the Sum of four hundred Pounds on Acc[t] towards finishing the Bridewell.

[204] The follow[g] Accounts were delivered in by the Committee of Accounts audited which were respectively read & approved by the B[d] & Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the s[d] several Accounts accord[gly] viz[t]

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| N[o] 190. iss[d] | Of Henry Shute for Work[s] on the Road..... | £102: 8: 6 |
| N[o] 191—iss[d] | Of Ab[m] Van Gelder for lighting the City Lamps from Sept[r] 26[th] to Oct[r] 26..... | £32:13: 4 |
| N[o] 192. iss[d] | Of Tho[s] Lafoy for serving as Clerk at the late Election in the W[t] Ward..... | £1:—:— |
| N[o] 193—issued | Of Tho[s] & W[m] Ash for 6 Windsor Chairs..... | £4:10:— |
| N[o] 194. issued | Of Sam[l] Johnson for 2 Golden Boxes..... | £58:17:— |
| N[o] 195—issued | Of Barent Sebring for Blacksmith Work..... | £0: 8: 6 |
| N[o] 196. issued | Of Andrew Thompson for paving at the old Slip..... | £307:15:— |

[205] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday Decr 2d 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P Lott | | Danl Phœnix | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Jno Broome | Esqrs Aldermen | Thos Ten Eyck | Assistants |
| Nichs Bayard | | Aert Huysman | |
| Jeremh Wool | | George Janeway | |

Mr Mayor according to Order presented the Draft of an Address from this Corporation to his Excellency General Washington Also the Draft of a Certificate of His Excellency's being admitted to the Freedom of this City; which he read & laid upon the Table And the same being again respectively read were unanimously approved of and agreed to by the Board and are in the Words following vizt

"To His Excellency George Washington late General and Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States of America

The respectful Address of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

Sir

When this City after it's Restoration*, had the Honor of your Excellency's Presence, it was regretted that the Derangement of it's Institutions, suspended those public Testimonials of Respect Gratitude and Applause which every Heart, truly American, is solicitous to pay to your distinguished Merits and Services. The Corporation, since organized, resolved to embrace a proper [206] Opportunity to manifest the exalted Sense which they entertain of both; and are happy that your Approach to the vicinity of this State will put it in their Power to carry that Resolution into effect.

The Effusions of public Esteem are the most welcome Tribute to a patriot Mind, and as none can have greater Reason to cherish the most honorable and affectionate Sentiments towards you than the Citizens of the State of New York, so we have the fullest Confidence, that there is no State in which they are more generally and emphatically felt. Flattering ourselves that you are convinced of this Truth, we are led to hope that it may not be displeasing to you to have your

*Marginal note reads *1783 25th November.*—Ed.

Name enrolled among the Citizens of a Metropolis for the Recovery of which so much of your Care and Sollicitude have been employed.

On the present Occasion we wou'd wish to convey to your Excellency a just Idea of the Admiration we feel for the Virtues you have displayed in the late Revolution: But Justice to the illustrious Part you have acted would oblige us to adopt that strong Language of Panegyrick which we fear would wound the Delicacy for which you are conspicuous We shall therefore only indulge ourselves so far as to observe that it is your Glory, thro' all the vicissitudes and embarrassments of a Revolution, thro' alternate Scenes of prosperous and adverse Fortune never to have known a Moment when you did not possess the full Confidence and Esteem of your Country; and after having, by the Divine Favour, most ess*ess*entially contributed to establish the Liberty and Independance of thirteen Republicks, it is your peculiar Glory to have chearfully [207] retired from the Head of a victorious Army to the modest station of a private Citizen.

Permit us to add our fervent Prayer that your Excellency in just Reward of such eminent Services and Virtues may be crowned with every Blessing which a grateful Country and indulgent Heaven can bestow."

"City of New York } ss. By James Duane Esquire Mayor and the Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York:

To all to whom these Presents shall come or may concern Greeting.

Whereas His Excellency George Washington late Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States of America, by a series of the most illustrious Services is entitled to the Respect Gratitude and Applause of every Heart which is truly American: And as none can have greater Reason to cherish the most honorable and affectionate Sentiments towards him than the Citizens of the State of New York: So we have the fullest Confidence that there is no State in which they are more generally and emphatically felt. Flattering ourselves that, convinced of this Truth, His Excellency may be pleased to have his Name enrolled among the Citizens of a Metropolis for the Recovery of which so much of his Care and Sollicitude have been employed: Now therefore know ye that we, considering that the Effusions of public Esteem are the most welcome Tribute to a patriot Mind, have admitted and received and by these Presents Do admit and receive his said Excellency [208] to be a Freeman and Citizen of the said City— To hold exercise and enjoy all the Rights Priviledges and Immunities

to the Freedom and Citizenship of the said City incident and appertaining; as a permanent Proof of the Admiration we feel for his exalted Virtues—for the Wisdom Fortitude and Magnanimity which he hath so gloriously displayed—thro' all the Vicissitudes and Embarrassments—thro' all the alternate Scenes of prosperous and adverse Fortune, produced in the Progress of an arduous and difficult War—And finally for that patriotic Heroism which after having been an essential Instrument in giving by the Divine Blessing, Liberty and Independence to thirteen Republicks, hath led him to retire with Chearfulness from the Head of a victorious Army to the modest Station of a private Citizen.

In Testimony of these Truths and to perpetuate them to our remotest Posterity, we the said Mayor Recorder and Aldermen have caused these Presents to be entered on our public Records and our common Seal of the said City, enclosed in a golden Box, to be hereunto affixed. Witness James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor of the said City this 2$^{d}$ Day of December in the Year of our Lord 1784 and of the Independence of the State the ninth."

Ordered that the said Address and Certificate be engrossed—that M$^{r}$ Mayor subscribe the Address on behalf of this Corporation and that the common Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Certificate; and that M$^{r}$ Mayor who is going to Phil$^{a}$ on public Business be requested in the Name of this Corporation to present the said Address and Certificate with the golden Box to his Excellency who is expected at that Place [209] otherwise that M$^{r}$ Mayor transmit the same to his Excellency by such Conveyance as he may conceive most proper.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 3$^{d}$ Dec$^{r}$ 1784

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Benjamin Blagge, William W Gilbert, Abraham P Lott, Jeremiah Wool } Esq$^{rs}$ Aldermen

Thomas Ten Eyck, Jonathan Lawrence, Abraham Van Gelder, Aert Huysman } Assist$^{ts}$

A Petition of several Inhabitants at Pecks Slip was read And thereupon

Ordered that the Alderman & Assistant of Montgomerie Ward cause the Street opposite Pecks Slip to be filled to a proper height for paving at the Corporation Expence.

N° 197 issued

Ordered that M^r Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Benjamin Blagge Esq^r the Sum of Sixty Pounds being the Residue of One hundred Pounds granted for filling Beekman's Slip.

A Petition of Doctor John Cochran praying to be heard by Council on the subject of his Petition presented to this Board on the 11^th Day of March last praying a Grant of a certain Water Lot at [210] Beekmans Slip; was read & thereupon Ordered that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted and that the first Wednesday after the first Day of January next be appointed for the said Hearing And that in the mean time Doctor Cochran serve on Mess^rs Sears & Blagge & on the Widow Catharine Lawrence respectively a Copy of this Order to the end that if they desire it they may be heard by themselves or their Council on the Subject at the same time.

A Petition of Peter P Van Zandt praying that a Committee be appointed to enquire into & report on the Subject of his former Petition for a grant of the Lot opposite to his dwelling House at Burling's Slip was read & referred to Ald^n Broome & Lott & M^r Lawrence.

A Petition of Gerrit Abeel & John Quackenboss praying a Grant of the Soil under Water opposite to their respective Grounds at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to Ald^n Bayard M^r Janeway & M^r Phœnix who are to confer with the Petitioners & report their Opinion to the Board

A Petition of James Blanchard on the Subject of the Slaughter House was read & referred to Ald^n Blagge & Gilbert & M^r Lawrence M^r Janeway & M^r Van Gelder.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Frankfort Street with an Acct. of the Expences of sinking a Well & putting a Pump therein in the said Street praying that the Board would direct Sum of £39: 16: 5 which still remains due (after what had been contributed by the Neighbors) to be paid out of the Treasury agreable to a former Order of the Board; was read & referred to the Auditors of Accounts.

[211] A Petition of several Inhabitants in favor of the Petition of Mess^rs Lott, Lutterloh & Sheaf for a grant of a Water Lot near the Bear Market, praying that the Prayer thereof may be granted; was read Whereupon Resolved that the granting of the Prayer of the said Petition is inexpedient

Whereas the deranged State of the Finances of this Corporation & the Heavy Debt which hath accumulated against it in consequence of the late War renders it expedient that certain Parts of its real Estate

should be sold for the Purpose of raising Money to discharge so much of the said Debt as at present is become absolutely necessary.

Resolved that certain Lots belonging to this Corporation situate near the Corporation Wharf at the North River be sold at publick Vendue to the highest Bidder & that for that Purpose one of the City Surveyors prepare & present to this Board at their next Meeting a Plan or Map of the said Lots.

Resolved that this Corporation will in the course of the ensuing Summer out of the Monies arising from the Sale of those Lots, run out a Pier into the River in front of Partition Street

[212a] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday Decr 8th 1784

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge<br>Abraham P Lott<br>John Broome<br>William W Gilbert<br>Nicholas Bayard<br>Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Danl Phœnix<br>Thos Ten Eyck<br>Henry Shute<br>Aert Huysman<br>George Janeway<br>Jonas Lawrence |

Assists

On reading a Petition of John Cross Ordered that all that certain Corner Lot of Ground, belonging to this Corporation, situate at Pecks Slip on the North side of Water Street, together with the Improvemts thereon consisting of three Tenements, be exposed to sale at public Vendue to the highest Bidder and that Possession be given to the Purchasor on the first Day of May next

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of Montgomery Ward & Mr Phœnix carry the above order into execution & that they cause the said Lot to be surveyed & the Sale advertized to be at such Time on or before the first of febv next, as they shall appoint

A Representation of the Keeper of the Powder Magazine, setting [forth] the insufficiency of the Building was read & referred to the Committee on that Subject

A Petition of several Inhabitants setting forth that [213a] a Part of Greenwich Street is so gullied out by the great Rains as to be rendered impassable for Carriages & Dangerous to the Inhabitants was read

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward cause the said Street to be repaired at the public Expence

On considering a Report made by Ald[n] Blagge on the Subject of M[r] Blanchards Petition relative to the Slaughter House.

Ordered that the Law for regulating the Slaughter House be so amended as to prohibit all Persons from Slaughtering Neat Cattle at any other Place within the limits of this City, than the public Slaughter House provided that the said Law shall not be construed to prohibit Persons residing to the Northw[d] of a certain Line from Slaughtering their own Cattle on their own Land for the consumption of their own families

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the D[r] of an Amendment to the s[d] Law & report the same at the next Meeting accordingly.

A Petition of several Butchers praying an indulgence to slaughter Neat Cattle during the Winter Season at the small Slaughter House at Whitehall Dock; was read & rejected.

Alderman Bayard reported on the Petition of M[rs] Harrison whereby she prays the intervention of this Board in restoring to her the Possession of a certain Lot of Ground in S[t] James's Street which being vacant & deemed a Nuisance was previous to the late War by order of the Corporation put into the Possession of John Franklin. Whereupon resolved that as the said Case involves in it certain Law Questions it would be improper for this Board to determine on the Subject

[212b] A Petition of Joseph Cheesman praying a Remission of the Rent, of a Lot of Ground, which became due during the late War & while he was in Exile & in the Service of his Country was read & referred to the Committee on similar Petitions

M[r] M[c]Comb one of the City Surveyors accord[g] to order presented to the Board a Plan or Map of the Lots near the Corporation Wharf at the North River which are intended to be sold; which s[d] Plan or Map being examined was approved by the Board & Ordered to be fairly protracted on Parchm[t] & produced at the next Meeting that the same may be ordered to be filed of Record in the Clerks Office.

Ordered that the said Lots be exposed to sale at public Vendue to the highest Bidder or Bidders under the Inspection of a Committee of this Board at such time on or before the first of february next as the Committee shall appoint & advertize for that purpose—that one half of the purchase Money be paid on the delivery of the Grants & the other half within one Year with Interest on Mortgage Security.

Ordered that the Ald[n] & Assist[t] of the West W[d] with M[r] Phœnix be the Committee.

On the Application of the Treasurer for the Direction of the Board

relative to his settling the Acct of John Lochart for Arrears of Ground Rent

Ordered that the Treasurer settle with Mr Lochart at the rate of £30 per Annum; provided such settlement do not affect such Rent as may have become due prior to the Evacuation of this City by the British.

[213b] On a Representation of Aldn Bayard that Catharine Street is in a dangerous situation for want of filling

Ordered that the Aldn direct the Proprietors to fill up the said Street agreable to it's Regulation.

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| No 198. issued. | Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to advance John McComb on Acct towards finishing the Bridewell..... | £150:—:— |

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the follows Persons in full of their respective Accts audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board vizt

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| No 199— issued | Rinier Skaats as Door Keeper & Messenger from 15th Augt to 15th Novr last..... | £10:—:— |
| No 200 issued | Elias Burger for maks a Bulkhead across Catharine Slip ..... | £79:—:— |
| No 201 issued | Elias Burger for repairing Coenties Dock..... | £6: 5:— |
| No 202 issued | David Waldron for the Roads..... | £93: 7: 9 |
| No 203 issued | Dr Beekman Van Bueren for Med: & Attendce at the Bridewell prior to the War..... | £24: 7: 3 |
| No 204 issued | Dr Beekman Van Bueren for the like at the Goal prior to the War..... | £48: 2: 3 |
| No 205— issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting Lamps from 26th Octr to 26th Novr ..... | £32:11: 8 |
| No 206 issued | John Cross for Repairs to the Corporation House at Pecks Slip ..... | £19:15: 3½ |
| No 207 issued | William Smith for Pumps & Blockmakers Work & cleans & repairs Wells..... | £653:12: 6 |
| No 208 | Gerardus Burger for Repairs to Coenties Dock..... | £2: 8: 4 |
| [214] No 209. issued | John Kemper 2 Accts one for repairs Lamps £135:8:6<br>1 Do for glazs Work to the City Hall & Barracks ..... 9:1:6 | |
| | | £144:10:— |
| No 210 issued | John Bish decd for Sand in filling the Street at the old Slip ..... | £32: 9:10 |
| No 211 issued | Danl Burger for a New Pump &c & cleans a Well..... | £29:11: 6 |

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| N° 212 issued | John Graham for repairs &c Lamps | £42: 6: 9 |
| N° 213 issued | Dan[l] Nevan for Carpenters Work to Wells | £99: 6: 6 |
| N° 214 issued | Jacob Harts for an Acct of Lodowick Cox for lighting Lamps prior to the War | £19: 3:— |
| N° 215 issued | Shoe & Burns for labors on the New Road leads to the Slaughters House | £1:16:— |
| N° 216 issued | Wm W Gilbert Esqr for 2 Golden Boxes | £56:10: 4 |
| N° 217 issued | Christr Colles for an Order issued by the Corporation in his favor prior to the War & remains unpaid | £12:—:— |
| N° 218 issued | Dr Peter Van Bueren for Med: & Attendance on Prisoners in Goal | £40:11: 6 |

[215] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday Decr 15th 1784.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder &c

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| Abraham P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Dan[l] Phœnix | Assists |
| John Broome | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| William W Gilbert | | Jona Lawrence | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| William Neilson | | Henry Shute | |
| | | George Janeway | |
| | | Aert Huysman | |

The Clerk according to Order produced the Dr of a Law relative to the Slaughters House which was read & passed & ordered to be published viz[t]

"A Law for establishing a public Slaughtering House within this City."

[216] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 27th Decr 1784

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldermen | Dan[l] Phœnix | Assists |
| John Broome | | George Janeway | |
| William W Gilbert | | Aert Huysman | |
| Abraham P Lott | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Jona Lawrence | |

Mr Mayor informed the Board that the United States in Congress assembled had resolved to adjourn & to meet in this City on the 11th

of Jan$^{y}$ next and suggested the Invitation which had been given to that honorable Body by the Legislature and the Propriety of making them an Offer of such Parts of the City Hall or other public Buildings belonging to this Corporation as they should deem necessary & best suited for their Accommodation. Thereupon resolved that an Order be made to the United States in Congress assembled of such Parts of the City Hall or other public Buildings belonging to this Corporation as the hon$^{ble}$ the Congress shall deem necessary and best suited for their Accommodation. And that M$^{r}$ Mayor be requested in Terms the most respectfull to communicate this Resolution to his Excellency the President accordingly.

[217] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 6$^{th}$ Jan$^{y}$ 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck | Assist$^{s}$ |
| John Broome | | Dan$^{l}$ Phœnix | |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | George Janeway | |
| W$^{m}$ Neilson | | Aert Huysman | |
| Jerem$^{h}$ Wool | | Henry Shute | |
| Nich$^{s}$ Bayard | | | |

A Petition of Isaac Sears relative to his Right to part of the Ground whereon the Bridewell is erected; was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert & Bayard & M$^{r}$ Phœnix.

The Board having been prevented from convening Yesterday, they this Day according to the Order of the 3$^{d}$ Ult$^{o}$ proceeded to hear Doctor John Cochran by his Counsel M$^{r}$ Hamilton & M$^{r}$ Lawrence; And M$^{r}$ Isaac Sears & several others Proprietors of Lots at Beekman's Slip attending were also heard by M$^{r}$ Brockholst Livingston of Counsel for M$^{rs}$ Catharine Lawrence And after the examination of several Witnesses the Board adjourned until the next Summon.

[218] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Tuesday the 18[th] Jan[y] 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Benj. Blagge | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | George Janeway | Assist[s] |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | Ab[m] Van Gelder | |
| John Broome | | Dan[l] Phœnix | |
| Ab[m] Lott | | Henry Shute | |
| W[m] Neilson | | Aert Huysman | |
| Jerem[h] Wool | | | |

John Paine, Robert Smith, Michael Gates, Jacob Day & William White, were admitted & sworn as freemen of this City & ordered to be registered accordingly.

In pursuance of the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act for the inspection of Sole Leather in the City of New York" passed 28[th] April 1784.

Resolved that Robert Towt & James Tylee be & they are hereby appointed Inspectors of Sole Leather in this City

The Board being satisfactorily informed of certain Malconduct by Richard Norris High Constable & Titus Onderdonck & Lawrence Brasher Marshalls in the execution of their respective Offices & being fully convinced of their inability to exercise the said Offices with Reputation Do earnestly recommend it to M[r] Mayor to remove the said Persons from their respective Offices and to appoint other fit Persons in their stead.

[219] Ordered that it be an Instruction to the Committee appointed to superintend the Sale of the Corporation Lots at the North River, in the Conditions of Sale not to insist on Interest for such part of the purchase as is not to be paid within one Year

A Letter from the hon[ble] John Jay Esq[r] directed to M[r] Mayor relative to Verletten Bergh & the Street lead[s] to the North River was read & ordered to be taken into Consideration with the Report of the Commiss[rs] for regulating Streets in the Burnt part of the City.

Ordered that M[r] Phœnix be added to the Committee on the Petition of Peter P. Van Zandt.

Whereas the Aldermen & assistants in Common Council convened did (on the 26[th] of Dec[r] 1783* in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature dated the 8[th] Day of March 1773) appoint Abraham P Lott Esq[r] Commissioner of Excise for the City and County of New York; And the said Abraham P Lott Esq[r] having in consequence of his said

* The records of this meeting of the Common Council, and of subsequent meetings prior to February 10, 1784, appear to be lost.—ED.

Appointmt as Commissioner as aforesaid collected from divers Persons for the Excise & Licence granted them several Sums of money amounting to seven hundred & seventy five Pounds; which said Sum he was ordered & directed to pay into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said City And the said Treasurer having by an Order of the 3d of febr in the Year 1784 been farther directed by the said Board of Aldermen and Assistants to carry the said Money to the [220] Credit of the City Cash to be appropriated to the Use of the Corporation And Whereas the Legislature of this State by an Act entitled "An Act for the appointment of a Commissioner of Excise in the City & County of New York and other Purposes therein mentioned" passed the 20th April 1784 have given to this Corporation the Revenue arising from the Excise & Licence It is hereby ordered & directed that the Treasurer do transfer the aforesaid Sum received from the said Abm P Lott Esqr as Commissr of Excise to the Credit of the said City of New York.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the follows Persons in full of their respective Accounts audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board vizt

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| No 219 issued | | Wm J Elsworth for Repairs to fire Engine..... | £44: 1: 1½ |
| No 220 | Do | Matthew Rainer for Iron Work to Lamps..... | 43: 5: 3 |
| No 221 | do | Wm W Gilbert Esqr for a golden Box..... | 45:16:— |
| No 222 | do | Obadh Wells for paints &c in 1775 & 1776..... | 8: 7: 9 |
| No 223 | do | H. Rutgers for Boards &c for the Goal..... | 112: 6:— |
| No 224 | do | Edwd Watkeys for Candles..... | 3: 4: 4½ |
| No 225 | do | Peter Lawrence for 1 Pr Tongs..... | 0: 8:— |
| No 226 | do | Thos Thomas for an Iron Stove..... | 6: 4: 9 |
| No 227 | do | Timothy Hutton for his Services as Clerk at an Election in the East Ward..... | 1:12:— |
| No 228 | do | Thos Stevenson for superintends Repairs at the Bridewell ..... | 80:13: 6 |
| No 229 | do | Abm Johnson for Repairs to an Engine..... | 1: 8:— |
| No 230 | do | Jno Brower for Upholstery..... | 6:15: 3 |
| No 231 | do | Richard Leycraft for a brass Chambor..... | 5: 8:— |
| No 232 | do | [221] Abm Van Gelder for lighting City Lamps.... | 34: 3: 4 |
| No 233 | do | Fergus McCreay for Work at the Exchange..... | 2: 7: 9 |
| No 234 | do | Joseph Cheesman for repairs Wells & Pumps..... | 43:16: 3 |
| No 235 | do | David Waldron for works the Roads..... | 29:18:— |
| No 236 | do | Henry Shute for the like Service..... | 34: 6: 6 |
| No 237 | do | Wm Smith for Smiths Work to City Pumps..... | 81: 2: 5 |
| No 238 | do | Andrew Thompson for Work at Slips..... | 499: 7: 1 |
| No 239 | do | Mrs Ferguson for boards a Poor man..... | 5: 4:— |
| No 240 | do | J. Bagley for glaziers Work..... | 2: 9:— |
| No 241 | do | To advance to the Commissrs of the Bridewell.... | 300:—:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 29th Jany 1785.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Danl Phœnix | Assistt |
| John Broome | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Wm Neilson | | George Janeway | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Jona Lawrence | |
| Jerh Wool | | Aert Huysman | |

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| John Dunlap | Cartman | Were severally sworn as freemen & ordered to be registered |
| John Kip | do | |
| Joseph Forbes | do | |
| Josiah Concklin | do | |
| George Aerlich | do | |
| Uzziah Coddington | do | |
| John Smith | do | |
| Robert Smith | do | |

A Petition of Catharine Lawrence Isaac Sears & John Blagge was read setting forth that, since the hearing on Thursday the 6th Inst of John Cochran on the subject Matter of his Petition for the Grant of a Water Lot at Beekmans Slip, they had been furnished with Testimony which they are [222] advised is material to the Matter in Controversy and which was not at that Time in their Power to produce & praying the Board to suspend any Resolution on the Subject until they can be reheard by themselves or Council at such Time & Place as this Board shall appoint.

Ordered that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted & that Wednesday the 16th febv next at 4 OClock in the Afternoon be appointed for the purpose & that the sd Petitioners furnish Dr John Cochran with a Copy of this Order to the end that he may also be reheard by himself or Council

A Petition of Thomas Bridgen Attwood praying to purchase the fee simple of a Lot of Land on Inchlam Bergh formerly leased to Jacobus Van Zandt, was read & referred to Aldn Bayard & Neilson & Mr Phœnix

The Petitions of William Dean Jacob Morris Elias Stillwill, John Post & Barnardus Swartwoudt praying to be appointed Repackers & Cullers was read.

Ordered that the Prayer of the said Petitioners be granted & that Mr Mayor be requested to appoint them accordingly. And Ordered

that Ab^m Post be & he is hereby appointed one of the public Measurers of this City.

A Petition of Abraham Brinckerhoff praying an Abatement of the Quit Rent which became due during the War on a Water Lot at Burlings Slip was read & referred to the Committee on similar Petitions

A Petition of W^m Pears praying the Board to make him some Allowance towards his Support during his indisposition in consequence of a fall from the Bridewell was read [223] Ordered that he be allowed twenty-five Pounds & that M^r Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the said W^m Pears the said Sum accordingly.

N° 242 issued

The Petitions of Christopher Stymets Isaac Mead & Jacobus Bogert praying a Compensation for the Injury done to their respective Lots in consequence of the late regulation of Cortlandt Street were read & postponed for future Consideration.

A Petition of Ab^m Cannon praying the Grant of the Soil under Water opposite to his Land at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to the Committee on the Petition of Quackenboss & Abeel.

A Petition of David Demarest & others praying to be informed whether it is intended to continue the Street,* in the Rear of S^t Pauls Chapel, across Dye Street was read & postponed

A Petition of Benjamin Benson praying a Lease for about 15 or 20 Acres of the Common Lands North of the Saw kill was read & referred to Ald^n Bayard M^r Lawrence M^r Phœnix & M^r Shute.

A Petition of M^rs Margaret Livingston praying a remission of the Quit Rent on a Water Lot which became due during the War; was read & referred to the Committee on similar Petitions

A Petition of John Moore praying an Examination of his Acc^t for Work & Materials on the Bridewell previous to the late War; was read & referred to the Committee of Acc^ts.

[224] The Committee appointed for the Sale of the Corporation House & Lot at Pecks Slip delivered in the following Report viz^t

"That the Lot on which the Buildings belonging to this Corporation on the North side of Water Street at the Corner of Pecks Slip now stand is in front on the said Street only 25 feet & in the Rear 19 feet containing on each side 50 feet But that on examining the Ground between the said Build^gs & the Market, there is a vacant Piece of Ground of upwards of 32 feet besides the Street which is 27 feet lying between the Market and the said Buildings;

* Marginal note reads *Church Street*.—ED.

which appears to the said Committee to have been left during the continuance of the Slip to accommodate the public and form a Passage or Pier round into Water Street & which has occasioned the said Building to be set thus far back. That since the filling up of the said Slip this space of Ground has remained open and unimproved; but they conceive may be taken in without any prejudice to the Publick. That it appears further to the Committee that the said space of Ground cannot be considered as any part of the Street, as there is a Distance of 67 feet 2 Inches exclusive of the said Ground and taking in and improving the same will make the Street uniform & bring the Buildings on a Line with those opposite the upper End of the Market The Committee therefore recommend it to the Board that the said open Piece of Ground containing 32 feet be added to the Lot now improved [225] And that the same be laid out into three Lots consisting of 19 feet front on Water Street & 17 feet Rear to contain on each Side in Length 50 feet as will appear by referring to the annexed Draft made by Mr John McComb one of the City Surveyors The Committee conceive that the Board by adopting the said Draft and disposing of the said Lots agreable thereto will be enabled to raise a very considerable Sum at this Time so necessary to answer the Demands of their numerous Creditors Nor do they conceive there will be any inconveniency resulting therefrom as the Distance between the said Lots and the Market will be sufficient and deemed a spacious Passage; which is submitted to the Consideration of the Board

N Y Janr 29th 1785 Jona Lawrence
Danl Phœnix"

Then a Petition of several Inhabitants of the neighborhood of Pecks Slip praying that the said House be not sold but that the same be kept for the Use of a ferry House; was read.

The said Report & Petition being immediately taken into consideration it was Resolved that this Board do approve of & agree to the said Report, notwithstandg the said Petition to the Contrary, & that the said Lots be sold accordingly.

[226] A Petition of Francis Child with an Acct for victualling Prisoners in Goal previous to the late War was read & referred to the Committee of Accounts.

Mr Mayor informed the Board that having communicated the Resolution of this Board of the 27th of Decr last to his Excellency the President of Congress on his arrival in this City, a Resolution of that honble Body had been transmitted to him which was read in the Words following, vizt

"By the United States in Congress Assembled January 18th 1785

"On the Report of a Committee to whom was referred a Letter "of the 14th from the Mayor of the City of New York inclosing a "Resolution of the Common Council offering to the United States in "Congress Assembled such Parts of the City Hall or other public "Buildings belonging to the Corporation as Congress shall deem neces- "sary and best suited for their accommodation

"Resolved that the Mayor & Corporation of the City of New "York be informed that Congress entertain a just Sense of the Atten- "tion which they have manifested to the Interest of the fœderal "Union, in the Offer they have made of such of the public Buildings "in the City as may be necessary for the transaction of public Busi- "ness; And that they accept of the several Apartments in the City "Hall the whole of which (except the Court & Jury Rooms) will be "necessary for the Session of Congress and the Accommodation of "their Officers

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| | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treas- | |
| No 245 issued | urer to pay Robt Lawton in full of his two Accts (for Oil) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board ..... | £183:15: 7 |
| No 243 issued | The like to pay Isaac Coe & Joseph Ransom the first £2:11:— & the latter £3:9:— for carts Dirt into Pecks Slip. | |
| No 244 issued | The like to pay Jas Hulet for the like Service..... | £1:10: 2 |

The Committee of Accts reported on an Acct of Saml Guilford for Principal & Interest due on two certain Bonds from this Corporation to the said Saml Guilford the one for £600 & the other for £400 That there appears to be a ballance due for Principal and Interest on the said two Bonds the Sum of £1261 : 13 : 4 & that Mr Guilford is willing to accept of two New Bonds the one for £600 to be dated Jany 24th last & the other for £600 to be dated Jany 12th last And an Order on the Treasury for the residue of the said Ballce the Sum of £61 : 13 : 4

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| No 246 | Ordered that the Clerk prepare & present to this Board two Bonds agreable to the sd Report & that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer for the paymt of the sd Sum of £61 : 13 : 4 accordingly. |

[228] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Saturday febv 5th 1785.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Benjamin Blagge
John Broome
Wm W Gilbert
Jer. Wool
Abm P Lott
Wm Neilson
} Esqrs Aldn

Danl Phœnix
Abm Van Gelder
Aert Huysman
Geo. Janeway
} Assists

Mr Lawrence Embree & others of the Commissioners of the Alms House attended the Board & informed them that there were a great number of families in this City in the greatest possible Distress for want of the common Necessaries of Life & that it was not in the Power of Commissioners to furnish them with any Relief Whereupon it was determined by the Board to request that the Clergy of the different Denominations will be pleased on Sunday, that is toMorrow Week, to impress their Congregations with a due Sense of the deplorable Circumstances & urgent Wants of the Poor at this severe Season & to sollicit Contributions for their Relief & that it be earnestly recommended by this Board to their fellow Citizens to countenance & contribute to the proposed Collection assuring them that on it's Success the preservation of the unhappy Sufferers from great Misery & Distress immediately Depends [229] And that Mr Mayor be requested to cause the substance of aforegoing to be published in the News Papers & to write circular Letters to the several Clergymen on the Subject.

Nº 247

Ordered that in the Meantime Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to advance to the said Commissioners the Sum of £150 to be by them disposed of in the best manner for the Relief of the suffering Poor & to be replaced out of the Monies which shall be collected in the several Churches.

In pursuance of the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act for the appointment of a Commissioner of Excise in the City & County of New York & other Purposes therein mentioned" passed the 20th April last; The Board proceeded to the appointment of a Commissioner of Excise for this City & County of New York for the ensuing Year & thereupon Resolved that Abraham P Lott Esqr be & he is hereby appointed Commissioner of Excise for this City & County of New York for the ensuing Year accordingly.

N° 248 Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Philena Barnes the Sum of Sixty Pounds on Acct of Interest due her on a Bond from this Corporation.

[230] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the fourteenth Day of february 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| John Broome | Esqrs Aldn | Danl Phœnix | Assistt |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Jer. Wool | | Henry Shute | |
| Abm P Lott | | Geo. Janeway | |

Mr Phœnix a Member of the Committee for exposing to sale the Corner Lots at Pecks Slip informed the Board that the other Members of the Committee were absent from the City wherefore that business remained unexecuted.

Ordered that Aldn Broome & Mr Ten Eyck be added to the Committee & that they proceed to the Sale of the said Lotts at public Vendue but if a sufficient Price should not be bidden that then they dispose of the same at private Sale on the like Conditions with those near the bear Market at the North River.

The Clerk accordg to Order produced two Bonds from this Corporation to Samuel Gilford each conditioned for the payment of £600 with Interest at the rate of 5 Pr Ct—the one payable on the 24th of January next with Interest from the 24th Jany last & the other payable on the 12th Jany next with Interest from the 12th Jany last

[231] Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to each of the said Bonds & that Mr Mayor subscribe them on behalf of this Board & that they be delivered to Mr Gilford on his delivering up the old Bonds

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 7th March 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| John Broome<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>Abm P Lott | Esqrs Alds | Danl Phœnix<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>George Janeway<br>Thos Ten Eyck<br>Henry Shute<br>Aert Huysman | Assists |

On reading a Petition of the foreman & a number of other of the Cartmen of this City.

Resolved that in the Opinion of this Board no addition to the number of Cartmen ought to be made & that those of them who left the City with their families to reside in the Country during the Winter ought to be deemed to have forfeited their licences

[232] The Petitions of Wm Dodge, Walter Heyer Peter Low Joshua Slidell Gerrit Eoff & Cotterel prays to be appointed to the Office of Measurer; were read & the consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of Leonard Kipp praying Compensation for loss of Ground in consequence of a late Regulation of Greenwich Street; was read.

Ordered that Alds Lott Gilbert & Wool & Mr Phœnix & Mr Van Gelder be a Committee to confer with the Proprietors of Lots in the Broad Way, Verletten Bergh & New Street on the Subject of a new Regulation for those Streets.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Sales of the three Lots belonging to this Corporation at Pecks Slip reported that the said Lots had been disposed of agreable to the Direction of the Common Council as appears from an Acct of Sales to the said Report annexed the nt amount whereof being two thousand three hundred & eighty Pound payable one half on the delivery of the Grants & the other half in twelve Months thereafter secured by Mortgage on the Premisses without Interest.

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| febr 24th 1785 | Jno Broome<br>Thos Ten Eyck<br>Danl Phœnix | Comtee |

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Grants from this Corporation to the Purchasors of the said Lots, accordingly.

[233] The Committee appointed to superintend the Sale of the Lots near the bear* Market at the North River reported that eight of the said Lots had been sold at Auction agreable to the Order of the Common Council. that the neat Amount thereof as appears from an Acc$^{t}$ Sales to the said Report annexed, is Two thousand eight hundred & seventy nine Pounds eight Shillings payable one half on the delivery of the Grants & the other half in twelve Months thereafter without Interest secured by Mortgage on the Premisses.

feb$^{y}$ 24$^{th}$ 1785

W$^{m}$ W Gilbert
Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder } Com$^{tee}$
Dan$^{l}$ Phœnix

by a Note to the said Report it appears that the said Committee had sold N$^{o}$ 9 one other of the said Lots at private Sale to Joseph De la Montanye for three hundred Pounds on the like Conditions as mentioned in the above Report.

A Map or Chart of the said Lots made by John M$^{c}$Comb one of the City Surveyors (by order of the Board) dated the 22$^{d}$ Dec$^{r}$ last was produced to the Board & by them approved & ordered to be filed.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Grants from this Corporation to the Purchasors of the said Lots accordingly.

The Committee on the Petition of Jacobus Lefferts presented on the 14$^{th}$ April last praying a Grant of a Water Lot adjoining Fletcher Street, reported it as their Opinion that the Prayer of the said be granted subject to the same Quit Rent as the Lots adjoining & that the paym$^{t}$ [234] thereof commence from the Day of 1775 when the Common Council agreed to make a Grant of the same.

Jn$^{o}$ Broome } Com$^{tee}$
Dan$^{l}$ Phœnix

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Grant from this Corporation to M$^{r}$ Lefferts accordingly

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter P Van Zandt Report "That they have examined with particular Attention the Claim of the Petitioner to the Lot in front of his dwelling House fronting Burling Slip That it appears to be founded on a Grant made by the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of this City to Thomas Clarke in the Year 1692 of the Soil between high & low

*Marginal note reads *Hudson Market*—Ed.

Water Mark—That the Conditions upon which the said Grant was made appear to have been fully complied with And that whenever it shall be expedient for the Corporation to make another Grant in front of the dwelling House of the said Peter P Van Zandt it is the Opinion of the Commitee that the said Grant should in Justice be made to him or his Heirs. It appears further to the said Committee that the said Lot of Ground has been left open for the purpose of enlarging the Slip & accommodating the Trade of that part of the City And they are of Opinion that the same is still necessary to remain open until the said Slip shall be rendered useless, & may without Inconvenience be filled up; which is submitted to the Board.

Ab$^{m}$ P Lott
Jn$^{o}$ Broome
Dan$^{l}$ Phœnix
} Com$^{tee}$

[235] Which said Report was considered and agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the East Ward be a Committee to consult the Proprietors of the Lots between Water Street & the River as to the widening of the Street between that & the River.

Alderman Wool from the Committee on the Subject of the ferry from Whitehall to Staten Island &$^{c}$ informed the Board that a certain Person had applied to him with a Proposal to farm the said Ferry.

Ordered that the said Committee with M$^{r}$ Phœnix (who is added to the Committee) dispose of the said Ferry for three Years to the highest Bidder

M$^{r}$ Mayor informed the Board that the Collector of Brooklin Township had waited on him with the Tax list of the said Township for raising £100,000 in the Southern District in which the Corporation Property in that Township was assessed to pay £111:11:3.

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| N$^{o}$ 249 issued | Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay the s$^{d}$ Sum of £111:11:3 to the said Collector in discharge of the said Tax accordingly | |
| N$^{o}$ 250 issued | Ordered the like to pay M$^{rs}$ Phœbe Barnes for Interest due her on Bond from this Corporation the Sum of.. | £60:—:— |
| N$^{o}$ 251 issued | Ordered the like to advance Anth$^{o}$ Post for Monies advanced by him on Repairs to the City Hall the Sum of ..... | £150:—:— |

[236] Ordered the like to pay the following Persons the following Sums for their respective Acc$^{ts}$ audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz$^{t}$

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| N$^{o}$ 252 issued | To Rinier Skaats for his Attendance on this Corporation as Messenger from 15$^{th}$ Nov$^{r}$ to 15$^{th}$ feb$^{y}$..... | £10:—:— |

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| N° 253 issued | To Isaiah Wool for Stone Jams in the Common Council Room | £3:10:— |
| N° 254 issued | To Luke Sullivan for sawing Wood | 3:—:— |
| N° 255 issued | To W^m Malcom for sundry Disbursements in repairs Beekmans Slip | 12: 7: 6 |
| N° 256 issued | To Richard Smith for building an Engine H^s | 29:19: 8 |
| N° 257 issued | To Boyd & Hervey for Iron Work to the Goal | 74:16: 9½ |
| N° 258 issued | To Yellis Gilbert as Clerk to the late Election | 2: 1: 6 |
| N° 259 issued | To Boyd & Hervey for Iron Work for the Gallows | 25:19: 1½ |
| N° 260 issued | To Francis Child for victualling Criminal Prisoners in Goal previous to the late War | 38:10: 9 |
| N° 261 issued | To John Moore for Mason Work & Labour on Building the Bridewell | 210:12: 3 |
| N° 262 issued | To Robert Manley for Marshalls Staffs | 3:16: 6 |
| N° 263 issued | To Ab^m Van Gelder for lamp lighters | 34: 5:— |
| N° 264 issued | To Nich^s Conradt for apprehends Vagrants | 13:12:— |
| N° 265 issued | To Rob^t Lawton for Lamp Oil | 176:11: 9 |
| N° 266 issued | To Jn° Morris for paving Stone | 3:15:— |
| N° 267 issued | To Morris Raredon for the like | 8: 8:— |
| N° 268 issued | To Byvanck & Bogert for Ironmongery on Repairs at Kings Bridge | 19: 3:— |
| N° 269 issued | To Geo. Fisher for Clerks at the late Election | 1:—:— |
| N° 270 issued | To the follow^g Persons for cart^g Dirt into Pecks Slip Ja^s Hulet £8:5:9 Dav^d Morgan £4:10: Isaac Coe £10:9:3 & Joseph Ransom £28:2:6 amount^g to | 51: 7: 6 |

[237] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 9th March 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| John Broome | Esqrs Aldn | Danl Phœnix | Assists |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Jons Lawrence | |
| | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| | | Henry Shute | |

John Van Winckel, Bricklayer & Joseph Cheesman, do were admitted & sworn as freemen of this City & ordered to be registered.

A Petition of Elizth Mesier praying that her former Petition, presented to this Board on the 8th Septr last relative to the ferry to Paulus Hook, may be taken into immediate Consideration, was read

Ordered that the said Petition be referred to the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward & Mr Phœnix & Mr Ten Eyck.

The Petitions of Jeremiah Stone & of Moses Crosby praying a Lease of the small slaughtering House at White Hall Dock; was read & referred to Aldn Wool Mr Phœnix & Mr Lawrence

A Petition of Peter Mesier praying that this Corporation will be pleased to appoint an Appraizer on their Part (he having appointed one on his Part) to ascertain whether any & what Injury he hath sustained by Loss of Part of his Lots in consequence of a late Regulation (by the Commissrs) of the Street formerly called Warrens Street; was read;

[238] Whereupon the Board appointed Evert Bancker Esqr on the Part to appraise the Injury if any sustained by the said Lots as also the Lot of Mr Isaac Mead agreable to his Petition presented on the 29th Jany last

A Petition of Robert G Livingston praying a Remission of the Rent, which became due during the late War, on Lot No 2 at Inchlambergh; was read & referred to the Committee on similar Petitions.

Ordered that the Clerk publish an Advertizemt in the public News Papers that such Persons as will contract to repair the public Wells & Pumps & to clean the Streets & carry away the Dirt of this City, send their Proposals to the Clerks Office sealed on or before the 1st April next

Mr Mayor communicated to the Board a Letter from the honble John Jay Esqr "requesting that the Board will provide for the payment of the Interest of a Bond of £200 from this Corporation to

Augustus Van Cortlandt & John Jay Esqrs Trustees for James De Peyster an Infant

Ordered that Mr Jay be informed that the Corporation will use their utmost Efforts to satisfy & secure all their Creditors: but that from the Ravages of War it is out of their Power to make immediate Payment to Mr Jay as he requests.

[239] Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same That the following Laws and Ordinances of this Corporation be established published and continued and remain in full force and virtue for one Year from and after the Date hereof vizt

No 1. "A Law for the due observation of the Lords Day called Sunday"

No 2. "A Law to prevent Strangers from being a Charge to this Corporation"

No 3. "A Law to appoint Surveyors for this City."

No 4. "A Law for the better preventing of Fire."

No 5. "A Law for marking of Bread."

No 6. A Law for regulating the Offices of Guagers of Liquors and Packers of Beef and Pork."

No 7. A Law for regulating the lying of Vessels in the Docks and Slips of this City and ascertaining the Rates to be paid for the same."

No 8 A Law to prevent Hawkers and Pedlars."

No 9 A Law relative to the admission of Freemen"

No 10 A Law for the Regulation of Carts and Cartmen"

No 11. A Law to regulate the Sale of Firewood"

No 12 A Law for regulating the Office of Chamberlain or Treasurer of this City"

No 13. [240] A Law for the better securing of this City from the Danger of Gun Powder."

No 14. A Law for directing the Uses of the Public Seals of this City"

No 15. A Law to regulate the public Markets within this City & to prevent the forestalling of Provisions

No 16. A Law to prevent Abuses in the Sale of building Stone."

No 17. A Law for establishing a public slaughtering House within this City.

The Clerk according to order produced a Bond from this Corporation to Benjamin Winthrop conditioned for the paymt of £900 on the

9th March next with Interest at 5 pr Ct from the 23d febv last which said Bond with the following Order on the Treasury for £80:3:1 is given in discharge of the Ballance of the Principal & Interest due on a Bond from this Corporation to Elizth Sheriff dated the 23d Day of July 1773 conditioned for the payment of £800.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Bond & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board to be delivered to Mr Winthrop on his delivering up the old Bond of Mr [and] Mrs Sheriff.

No 271 issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the sd Benjamin Winthrop the sd Sum of £80:3:1 in full discharge of the Ballce due on the sd Bond of Mrs Sheriff as aforesaid.

Ordered the like to pay the followg Persons the follow[ing] Sums in full of the followg Accts audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board vizt

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| No 272 issued | To George Fisher in full of an Acct of the Assessors of the respective Wards | £169:12:— |
| No 273 issued | To Jacob Clock for Carpenters Work & Materials to the Drain at Pecks Slip | £10: 1: 8 |
| No 274 issued | To Isaac Van Duzen for Hand Cuffs | £2:10:— |
| No 275 issued | To Stephens & Hubbell for Plank & Bds | £4: 4: 6 |
| No 276 issued | To James Hulet for carting Dirt in Pecks Slip | £16:19:— |
| No 277 issued | To Ferguson & Smith for Timber for Kings Bridge | £5: 6: 1½ |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Wednesday the 16th Day of March 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor &c

John Broome
Wm W Gilbert
Jeremh Wool
Abm Lott
} Esqrs Aldn

Danl Phœnix
Abm Van Gelder
Geo. Janeway
Jonas Lawrence
Henry Shute
} Assistts

A Draft of the Grants to Wm Williams & others for the Lots lately sold by order of this Board situate at the North River near the Bear Market Also the Draft of a Grant of a Water Lot to Robt

Murray at Burnets Key were respectively [242] read & approved & ordered to be engrossed

The Map of the said Lots at the North River as approved on the 7th Inst. being produced an Amendment thereto was proposed by altering the front of them next the River by which Means the front of them were bro't nearer to a Square; which Amendment being agreed the said Map was altered and amended accordingly

On a suggestion that the Grant of the sd Water Lot of Mr Murray was petitioned for & the Lot actually occupied ever since the Year 1775 & that Mr Murray purchased it with all the Incumbrances. It was Ordered that the Quit Rent commence at that time

It being suggested that the Schools in the City Hall greatly disturb Congress in their Deliberations—Ordered that Mr Riggs & Mr Grahams remove their School immediately from the City Hall & that Mr Skaats serve them with a Copy of this Order.

The Committee to whom was referred the Applications of Messrs Stone & Crosby for a Lease of the House, at the White Hall Dock, used during the War as a Slaughtering House, reported it as their Opinion "that the said House be let for one Year from the first of "May Next to any Person, to be used as a dwelling House, who will be "at the Expence of repairing the same." which Report was read & agreed to by the Bd

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Mesier reported that they had examined the Facts stated in her Petition—That agreable to what is set forth in the said Petition it appears that a Grant of the said Ferry was made to Abraham Mesier from the first of May 1774 at the rate of [243] two hundred & ten Pounds P Annum for three Years—that six Months after the said Grant a New Ferry was erected which having been sold for the benefit of the Corporation for £50 it was agreed to allow the said Purchasor the above Sum—that after the said Term the Rent reserved was One hundred & sixty Pounds until the first May 1776 when the Petitioners were obliged to leave their Property in the City & retire into the Country—that on the 26th Novr 1783 they returned to the City and again took Possession of the said Ferry and have established the same at a very considerable Expence. The Committee were therefore of Opinion that an Allowance be made to the said Petitioner of Eighty Pounds per Annum for the Term from Novr 26th 1783 to the first May 1785 And that a new Grant be made to the said Elizth Mesier of the said Ferry for four Years at the annual Rent of One hundred Pounds," which Report was read & agreed to by the Board.

Alderman Lott the Commissioner for granting the Excise informed the Board that by a Mistake, of his Son, the Proceeds of the Excise as well as the Fees he had received for the Mayor & Clerk for the License Recognizance & administering the Oaths directed by Law to the respective Tavernkeepers (being 16/ on each License) had been paid to the Chamberlain—that on discovering the Mistake he had requested the Chamberlain to return to him the Fees which had been so received for the use of [244] the Mayor & Clerk; but that the Chamberlain alledged that he should not think himself at Liberty to comply with his Request without an Order of the Corporation; And the Chamberlain moving for the Directions of the Board thereupon. And the Question being put it was Resolved that the said Fees should be returned to Aldn Lott for the Use of the Mayor & Clerk.

Mr Aldn Broome informed the Board that the Accounts of Mr Aldn Lott as Commissioner of Excise for the last Year were deposited with him for settlement as one of the Auditors of Accts And he requested the Sense of the Board whether the said Fee of 16/ for the Mayor & Clerk on each Licence should be allowed in auditing the said Accounts; And the Question being put accordingly it was resolved in the Affirmative.

No 278 issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to advance John McComb the Sum of £150 on Acct towards Repairs to the Bridewell.

[245] City of New York } At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday 29th March 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Danl Phœnix | Assists |
| Abraham P Lott | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | George Janeway | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Henry Shute | |
| | | Aert Huysman | |
| | | Jonn Lawrence | |

The Ferries from this City to Staten Island & from this City to Elizabeth Town point were respectively put up for sale at Vendue & sold for the Term of three Years the former to Gosen Ryerson & the latter to Thomas Twigley on the Conditions followg viz: The Purchasor of the Ferry to Staten Island to have the exclusive Priviledge of the said Ferry for the Term of three Years to commence the first Day of May next at the annual Rent of £20 in quarterly Paymts—to

keep not less than two good & sufficient Boats—to demand & receive for every single Passenger two Shillings—for every Horse four Shillings—for every Chaise or Riding Chair four Shilling—if with a Top Six Shill$^{s}$ for every four wheeled Carriage twelve Shill$^{gs}$ & for every Case Chest Trunk Cask or Bundle not exceeding one hundred W$^{t}$ One Shill$^{g}$ & Six Pence The landing Place to be between the Battery & the Bason west of Coenties Slip. And the Purchasor to have a Lease for the said Ferry on his executing a Bond with one good Security for the faithful [246] performance of the above Conditions.

The Purchasor of the Ferry to Eliz$^{th}$ Town Point to be entitled to the like Priviledges as above with Respect to Staten Island Ferry at the annual Rent of Sixty five pounds per Annum excepting in the last Article of Ferriage which is to be two Shillings instead of one Shilling & Six Pence. & to have a Lease on his Executing a Bond as above

The following Plan of the Commissioners for laying out the Streets in the Burnt Part of the City was read viz$^{t}$

"We the Subscribers Commissioners appointed for the purpose of laying out Streets in the burnt Part of the City of New York in pursuance of a Law passed the 4$^{th}$ Day of May last beg leave to recommend the following Alterations in the Southern Part of the said City to wit. That the Ground lying West of Broad Street and between Beaver Street & Dock Street, be divided into three Parcels & have two Streets of fifty feet wide each running between them, That that Part of it which fronts the Broadway, be in a straight Line from the Corner of Beaver Street to the Corner of Dock Street as represented by a red Line on Plan N$^{o}$ 1, hereto annexed.

That the Buildings hereafter to be erected on the North side of Beaver Street and East of the Entrance of New Street be in a straight Line between the easterly Corner of New Street and the Corner of the House of Andrew Breested in Broad street as represented also by a red Line on the annexed Plan.

That New Street from Beaver Street Northerly [247] to Verlettenbergh Street be widened Six feet, to wit three feet on each Side.

That New Street on the North side of Verlettenbergh Street be widened three feet to wit on the West Side of it where it meets Verlettenberg Street; and this widening to diminish as the Street runs Northward so as to come to a point at the House now occupied by M$^{r}$ John Wiley.

That on the West Side of the Broad Way a Street be laid out running Westerly to the North River of the same Breadth & opposite to the West End of Verlettenberg Street And we beg leave to suggest

that Verlettenberg Street will be greatly improved if [it] is raised about three feet where it crosses New Street and lowered about three feet at it's West End on the Broad Way and this Alteration will improve New Street likewise, as it will lessen the Descent from the upper End which is now too great and give some descent to the lower End which is now nearly level.

That the Buildings to be erected on the East side of the Broad Way between the late dwelling House of William Smith Esq[r] and that of David Johnson Esq[r] be on a straight Line and from the said Dwelling House of David Johnson to the Corner of Beaver Street also in a straight Line.

New York
Sept[r] 25[th] 1784

P V B Livingston
Abr[m] Lott
Henry Remsen
Gerard Bancker"

[248] *Resolved that this Board do approve of the said Plan as far as the same respects the Regulation of the Broad Way New Street and Verlettenberg Street and the Continuation of the said last mentioned Street to the North River.

M[r] Mayor communicated to the Board that M[r] Jay the Secretary for foreign Affairs preferred and was willing to accept for the use of his Office, the Room above the Common Council Chamber instead of the said Chamber if the Corporation would direct it to be properly fitted up for his Use.

Ordered that M[r] Anthony Post be directed to finish the said Room agreable to M[r] Jays Directions.

Ordered that such an Addition be made to the Wharf on the inside of the Bason opposite the Lot sold to M[r] Williams as will admit of a Cartway of 24 feet to continue in front of the said Lots until the said addition terminates at a Point.

*Marginal note reads *See P. 275.*—ED.

[249] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday April 5th 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Alds | Danl Phœnix | Assist. |
| John Broome | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Wm Neilson | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Aert Huysman | |
| Jerem. Wool | | Henry Shute | |
| | | Jons Lawrence | |

John Holsman Tabaconist sworn & admitted a Free-Man of this City & ordered to be registered accordingly.

Mr Mayor informed the Board that Mr James Striker had offered to undertake the cleaning of the Streets for £150 And that Mr Wm Smith had offered to contract for the keeping in Repair the public Wells & Pumps at the rate of £140 per Annum.

Ordered that Alda Bayard Mr Janeway & Mr Shute be a Committee to confer with Mr Striker on the Subject of his Offer. And that Mr Smiths Proposals be accepted & that a Bond be taken from Mr Smith in £300 for the faithful Performance thereof.

Ordered that Elijah Wedge City Cryer be allowed a Sallary of £15 per Annum & £10 for his past Services.

[250] A Petition of Edward Lowerear praying to be appointed a Packer & Culler was read.

Ordered that he be & is hereby appointed accordgly

A Petition of Robert Watts Atty for Archibald Kennedy (praying a Grant of certain Water Lots was read & referred to Alda Broome Mr Phœnix & Mr Lawrence.

Messrs Embree & Shotwell from the Commissrs of the Bridewell represented that there is a Piece of Ground in the Rear of the Bridewell which might be usefully employed as a Garden for the Use ot the Bridewell & Alms House

Ordered that Alda Gilbert Mr Van Gelder & Mr Janeway be a Committee to examine the said Piece of Ground & report their Opinion thereon.

Ordered that in the mean time the Commissrs improve the said Ground & if they see it necessy remove the Stables & other Buildings thereon

On a suggestion that great Part of the Provisions & Wood purchased for the Use of the Alms House has been misapplied.

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Wool & Mr Van Gelder be a Committee to enquire into & report on the Subject

A Representation of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell was read setting forth that John Franklin & Edmund Pryor could no longer attend as Commissioners & therefore wished to resign wherefore the Board of Commissioners prayed that their Request be granted & that Jacob Seaman & Richard Lawrence be appointed in their Stead

[251] Ordered that the Resignation of John Francklin & Edmund Pryor as Commissrs of the Alms House & Bridewell be accepted & that Jacob Seaman & Richard Lawrence be & they are hereby appointed Commissioners as aforesaid in their Stead.

A Petition of Casimir Theodore Goercke praying to be appointed one of the sworn Surveyors of this City; was read.

Ordered that the said Casimir Theodore Goercke be & he is hereby appointed to the Office of one of the sworn Surveyors of this City accordingly

A Memorial of Samuel Ogden was read wherein he submits to the Consideration of the Corporation proposals for erecting & establishing Water Works for supplying this City with Water & therefore requests a Conferrence with the Board on that Subject

Ordered that Aldn Broome & Neilson & Mr Phœnix be a Committee to confer with Mr Ogden on the Subject of his Memorial & report the Result to this Board.

A Petition of George Hutton praying to be appointed an Inspector of Wood from the Et side of the Albany Pier to Well's Wharf when the Office shall become Vacant. was read

Ordered that the Prayer of his Petition be granted.

[252] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday 6th April 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Danl Phœnix | Assists |
| John Broome | | Jona. Lawrence | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Aert Huysman | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Henry Shute | |
| Jerem. Wool | | George Janeway | |

William Bussing Aaron Banta Michael Sandford Cartmen Admitted & Sworn Freemen of this City and ordered to be registered

Ordered that Mr Benson the Clerk of this Board make a proper

Digest of the Laws of this Corporation & of such of the Acts of the Legislature as immediately respect this City & County to the End that the same together with the Charter of this City may be printed & that a Compensation be made him by this Board for this Service.

On a Representation from the Keeper of the Common Goal that the Floors of that Building required caulking.

Ordered that the Keeper of the Alms House furnish the Goaler with as much Oakum as may be necessary for the above purpose.

Resolved that it is the meaning of this Board that such of the Cartmen as have gone out of the City & who have not taken their families with them And also such as [253] have paid Taxes in this City should be permitted to resume their Licences & Business

A Petition of M^rs Ann M^cAdam pray^s the Board to appoint a Person on their Part to appraise the Loss of Ground she hath sustained by the late Regulation of Greenwich Street; was read.

Resolved that this Board will meet on Friday Afternoon next to confer with the Proprietors of the Ground at the North River relative to the Regulations made by order of this Board in that Neighborhood

A Petition of Lancaster Burling praying to be appointed a Measurer of Timber &^c was read

Ordered that he be & is hereby appointed accordingly

Alderman Gilbert from the Committee appointed at the last Meeting reported that on Enquiry it was found that Wood & Provisions had been drawn from the Alms [House] by order of the Magistrates for the Relief of a number of indigent families which had given rise to the Suspicion of a misapplication of those Articles.

A Petition of John Delamater praying a Lease of a Lot of Ground in Chatham Street was read & referred to Ald^n Lott M^r Janeway & M^r Phœnix.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to examine the Charter & public Records of this City to discover what were formerly the fees of [254] the Mayor & other public Officers.

Ordered that M^r Recorder Ald^n Gilbert Neilson & Broom & M^r Ten Eyck be the Committee & that they make Report to the Board accordingly

N^o 279 issued Ordered that M^r Mayor issue his Warr^t on the Treasurer to pay Elijah Wedge the Sum of Ten Pounds in full for his former Services as public Cryer.

And to the following Persons the Am^t of their respective Acc^ts audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz^t

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| N° 280 issued | John Kemper for repairs City Lamps | £74:17: 3 | |
| N° 281 do | James Hulet for carts Dirt | 3: 1: 6 | |
| N° 282 do | John Bailey for Iron Work | 10:—:— | |
| N° 283 do | Isaac Coe for carts Dirt to Pecks Slip | 3: 0: 9 | |
| N° 284 do | Joseph Ransom for Do | 7: 5: 6 | |
| N° 286 issued | Robt Lawton to make good the Sum of £176:11:9 lawfull Money which by mistake was on the 7th March last audited & *and* an Order issued for £176:11:9 Currency | 58:17: 3 | |
| N° 285 issued | Abraham Van Gelder for lighting City Lamps from 26th Jany to the 26th feby & from 26th feby to the 26th March | 34: 6: 8 | |
| | | 34: 8: 4 | |
| N° 287 issued & Dd to the Treasr | Augustus Van Cortlandt Esqr for Services & Disbursemts while Clerk of this City | 203: 9:— | |

[255] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the the 11th April 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Danl Phœnix | Assists |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| John Broome | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Jonas Lawrence | |
| | | Geo. Janeway | |

Jacob Shearman, Cartman } admitted & sworn as freemen of the City &
William Rutledge, Carpenter } ordered to be registered.

Mr Peter Mesier attended the Board to confer with them on the Subject of the Injury his Lots will receive in consequence of the late regulation of Greenwich Street. Whereupon it was agreed by the Board that Mr Mesier be requested to confer with such of the other Proprietors of Lots who will be injured by the said Regulation whether they will be willing to accept (as a Compensation for the Injury) Water Lots equal to the Ground they may respectively loose in consequence of the said Regulation.

Ordered that Peter Low, Walter Heyer William Dodge, Joshua Slidell & Richard Cotterel be appointed public Measurers of this City.

[256] Aldn Bayard from the Committee appointed to confer with Mr Striker relative to his Proposals for removing the Dirt from the several Streets in this City reported "That Mr Striker & Mr Shute were willing to undertake the Business on Condition that the Corporation will pay them the Sum of £150 per Annum & that they cause

the Inhabitants to collect the Dirt on Heaps opposite to their respective Lots."

Resolved that this Board do accept of Mr Striker & Mr Shute's Proposals & that they be & hereby are appointed Scavengers of this City for the Purpose aforesaid.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Articles between Mr Striker & Mr Shute & the Corporation & that they enter into Bond for £300 for the faithful Performance of their said Office.

Ordered that the Law for cleaning the Streets be so amended as that the Inhabitants of the several Wards collect & sweep on Heaps the Dirt Weekly on a certain Day to be appointed for each Ward.

[257] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 15th Day of April 1785.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

John Broome
William W Gilbert
Nichs Bayard
Jerem. Wool
} Esqrs Aldn

Thos Ten Eyck
Danl Phœnix
Abm Van Gelder
Jons Lawrence
Geo. Janeway
Henry Shute
Aert Huysman
} Assists

On Motion of Aldn Wool. Ordered that Adam Dobbs Inspector of Wood be authorized to depute some Person to act in his behalf whenever his Age or Infirmity prevents his doing it himself

A Memorial of John Franklin & several other Inhabitants of Montgomerie & the Out Wards was read setting forth that there are several sunken Lots filled with standing Water, in that part commonly called the Meadows, which are become a great Nuisance & very much endanger the Health of the Inhabitants & therefore prays that the Corporation would be pleased to direct the said Lots to be filled up [258] And it appearing to this Board that the said Complaint is well founded & that the said Nuisance ought to be removed Therefore Ordered that the Proprietors of the said Lots be and they are hereby respectively directed & required without Delay to cause the said Lots to be raised or filled up so as that they be no longer a Nuisance And that they do cause the Streets in front of their respective Lots to be paved agreable to the Direction of the Aldn & Assist of the respective Wards.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assists of the Out & Montgomerie Wards

be a Committee to regulate Roosevelt, James's, Catharine & Rutgers Streets and direct the same to be paved.

Mr Mesier attending informed the Board that agreable to their Request he had conferred with the Proprietors of the Lots on Greenwich Street & that he found them unwilling to accept of Water Lots as a Compensation for the Injury their Lots will sustain by the late Regulation of Greenwich Street But that for his own part he would be willing to accept of Ground at the bear Market.

Mr Lawrence then moved that the West side of Greenwich Street as far as Mr Mesier's Lot be regulated agreable to it's situation previous to the late War

Ordered that the said Street be so regulated accordingly.

[259] Ordered that an Abstract of the public Expenditures of this Corporation be published and that Aldn Bayard & Wool & Mr Ten Eyck be a Committee to inspect the Accounts and prepare a Draft for publication accordingly

Ordered that the Alderman & Assist of the West Ward be a Committee to examine the State of the Ferry occupied by John Van Alen & others across the North River & report the same to this Board.

It being suggested that Mr Van Alen is put to great Inconvenience by Vessels occupying the end of the Pier at which the ferry Boats land—Ordered that the same Committee enquire into this Matter & make report thereof to the Board.

Ordered that Aldn Wool & Mr Huysman be a Committee to report an Estimate of the Expence which will attend the widening of the Street West of Verlettenbergh.

Ordered that the Occupants of the two Houses near Fort Washington pay at the rate of £6 per annum for the time they have occupied the same.

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[261] Ordered that the Alderman & Assistant of the Wt Ward & Mr Lawrence be a Committee to consult the Inhabitants to the Southwd of Mr Mesier's & report an estimate of the Expence which will attend the extending of the said Street* to the flat Rock at the Battery

It being represented to the Board that Mr Jacobus Bogert had appointed an Appraiser on his part to ascertain the Damage his Lot hath sustained by the widening of Cortlandt Street.

Ordered that Mr Henry Kip be appointed on the part of this Board for the purpose aforesaid

*Marginal note reads *Greenwich St*—Ed.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on 20[th] April 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Ab[m] P Lott<br>John Broome<br>W[m] W Gilbert<br>Jer. Wool | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Dan[l] Phœnix<br>Ab[m] Van Gelder<br>Jon[a] Lawrence<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Henry Shute<br>Aert Huysman<br>Tho[s] Ten Eyck | Assist[s] |

John Harvey Isaac Woolcoks Daniel Demaray Sam[l] Arnett & James Hulet Cartmen Sworn & admitted freemen of the City & ordered to be registered.

The Clerk produced an engrossed Grant to Rob[t] Murray for a Water Lot at Burnets Key in front of the Lot of the Estate of John Grossbeeck dec[d] [262] which was read & approved of by the Board.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that M[r] Mayor sign the same to be delivered to M[r] Murray on his executing the Counterpart.

Also the respective Grants for the Lots, lately sold at Vendue, situate at the bear Market on the North River, to W[m] Williams Rob[t] Boyd, Mangle Minthorne, Ahasuerus Turk, & John Moore, which were also respectively read & approved of by the Board. Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that M[r] Mayor sign the same to be delivered to the Parties on their having paid into the Treasury the one half of the purchase Money & executed Bonds with Mortgages on the Premisses for the other half

Alderman Gilbert from the Committee for the purpose appointed reported that from a Calculation it appeared that the continuing of Greenwich Street (according to the late Regulation) to the Battery would be attended with an Expence of £7000.

On motion of M[r] Lawrence Ordered that a Survey be made of the said Street and an Estimate of the Expence which will attend the altering of the said Street to fifty feet wide continuing the Line on the East side, and presented to the Board at their next Meeting And that Ald[n] Gilbert & M[r] Van Gelder & M[r] Lawrence be a Committee for the Purpose.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Delamater praying a Lease of Lot of Ground N[o] 116 in Chatham Street adjoining the Lots formerly of George Dominick reported that the

Prayer of the Petition be granted for 21 Years to commence 1st May next at £6.

[263] Ordered that a Lease be prepared accordingly

Mr Lawrence from the Committee to whom was referred the Subject of the Powder Magazine reported that Mr Robt Murray was willing to erect a Magazine on his Land for the Purpose

Ordered that the same Committee confer with Mr Murray & report his Conditions.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robt Watts as Attorney to Archibald Kennedy report That the said Archibald Kennedy did, as appears from the Testimony of divers Persons, present to the Corporation of this City in the Year 1775 a Petition praying a Grant of a Water Lot adjoining to Burnets Key; Which Petition was read, tho' no Evidence appears on the Minutes of the Common Council respects the same And the Prayer thereof was agreed to be granted. That in consequence of the said Grant the said Archibald Kennedy did make Improvements on the said Lot and did erect & build in partnership with Mr Jacobus Lefferts a Wharf or Pier of —— feet in length into the East River; which Wharf hath been productive of considerable Profit to the said Proprietors Your Committee are of Opinion that a Grant should be made to the said Archibald Kennedy of the Lot of Ground under Water between the Ferry Slip & the middle of Cooper Street at the rate of three Shillings per foot measuring in the front towards lower Dock Street the same to be annual for ever, extending two hundred feet into the East River, reserving out of the [264] said Lots twenty five feet to be added to the fly Market Slip for the Purpose of enlarging the same—The said Kennedy to build a Pier or Street in front of the said Lots towards the Fly Market Slip of equal Breadth with the present Street and one half of the Street opposite the said Lots on Cooper Street And the said Archibd Kennedy to build & keep in Repair a good and sufficient Ferry Stairs at his own Expence for the Purpose of accomodating the Ferry from Brooklin to the Fly Market The Payment of the said annual Rent to commence from the 25th Day of March 1775 Which is submitted to the Board.

Jno Broome
Danl Phœnix } Committee
Jonas Lawrence

Which said Report was read & agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that a Grant be prepared & reported to the Board accordingly

A Petition of Charles Duryee was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist of the Out Ward.

On a suggestion that the Expence of lighting the public Lamps is too great & ought to be reduced Ordered that M[r] Van Gelder Superintend[t] on that Business agree with the lamp lighters for 16/ & in case they refuse to execute the Business at that Price that he discharge them & employ those who will.

Ordered that Gerrit Eoff be appointed a public Measurer of this City.

[265] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Saturday 30[th] April 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Ab[m] P Lott | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Dan[l] Phœnix | Assist[s] |
| John Broome | | Tho[s] Ten Eyck | |
| W[m] W Gilbert | | Jona. Lawrence | |
| W[m] Neilson | | Ab[m] Van Gelder | |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Jerem. Wool | | Aert Huysman | |

Ab[m] Ackerson, Cartman Isaac Stagg, Shoemaker Sworn & admitted Freemen & ordered to be registered.

A Letter from Nich[s] Ray Esquire of London was read expressing his deep concern for the Desolation brought upon this City by the two great Fires which happened in the course of the late War, and generously offering his Services in purchasing the Iron Work and other Materials which might be necessary for repairing the Ruins; if a common Fund could be raised for that purpose.

Resolved that the Thanks of this Corporation be given to M[r] Ray for his benevolent Intentions But that the deranged State of the Corporation Revenues in consequence of the heavy debt contracted by their predecessors in office previous to the late War is such as to prevent their acceptance of his kind offer—And that M[r] Mayor be pleased to communicate the same (by Letter) to M[r] Ray accordingly

The Clerk produced to the Board the engrossed Grants from this Corporation to [266] John Cross, Joseph Clements & Sam[l] Mott for each one Lot of Ground at Pecks Slip—Also to Simon Van Antwerp, & Joshua Jones for Lots at the North River; which were respectively read & approved of by the Board.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Grants & that M[r] Mayor sign them on behalf of this Board.

The Clerk produced to the Board the Dr of a Lease from this Corporation to James Blanchard for the Slaughtering House at Corlaers Hook which was read & approved & ordered to be engrossed

Assize of Bread.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be as follows. & that the Bakers bake eight Copper & four Copper Loaves. viz[t] a loaf (of the finest flour at 24/ P[r] C to weigh two Pounds five Ounces for eight Coppers & a loaf of One Pound two & an half Ounces for four D[o]

Ordered that Ald[n] Broome & Neilson & M[r] Phœnix be added to the Committee for auditing the old Acc[ts] of the Water Works.

On reading a Letter from M[r] S[t] John, Consul of his most Christian Majesty the King of France & Navarre requesting that the Roman Catholicks of this City may be indulged with the liberty of meeting in the Exchange until their Church can be finished Ordered that the Consul be informed that the Exchange in the Course of the War has been injured and is rendered incapable of sustaining any great Weight as was lately experienced by the Assembly who conceived themselves in so much Danger in two Instances when a [267] concourse of People were collected that they removed to other Places for security That information of these Facts will probably render the Exchange ineligible to the Roman Catholick Assembly as a Place of public Worship And that M[r] Mayor be requested to represent the same to his most Christian Majesty's Consul.

Ald[n] Bayard from the Committee on the Subject of the Powder Magazine delivered in a Report. Thereupon.

Resolved that this Corporation will erect a Powder Magazine at the public Expence

Ordered that the same Committee report a proper Place for building the same; keeping in view the safety of the City & the convenience of Trade.

Ordered that a public Pound be kept by Richard Varian at the Bull's Head Tavern in the Out Ward & that he receive two Shillings, for each head of Horse or Cattle kind, for taking up & impounding.

Ordered that Ald[n] Neilson be added to the Committee on the Alterations which this B[d] have in contemplation in New Street

The Treasurer informed the Board that M[rs] Rigler had paid all her back Rent, excepting £8:19:6 & that considering her being a Widow in low Circumstances it would be hard for her to pay the remainder

[268] Ordered that the Treasurer remit the ball[ce] due from her & that he give her a Certificate for a new Lease.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare 4 Bonds from this Corporation viz$^{t}$ 3 to Hugh Gaine of £500 each & 1 to Rob$^{t}$ Willson Jun$^{r}$ for £500 on Acc$^{t}$ of the Principal & Interest of a Bond from this Corporation to Richard Waldron dec$^{d}$ & a Bond from this Corporation to William M$^{c}$Cleod.

On Motion of Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert Ordered that the Barracks be leased for 5 or 7 Years.

A Petition of Henry Remsen praying a Remission of Quit Rents on certain Water Lots was read & referred to the Committee on similar Petitions

On Motion of Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert Ordered that the Chamberlain be directed to advertize that Proposals will be received for sinking & build$^{g}$ a Pier in the North River opposite the Lots lately sold near the Bear Market.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasury for the Paym$^{t}$ of the follow$^{g}$ Persons in full of their Acc$^{ts}$ audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz$^{t}$

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| N$^{o}$ 288— | W$^{m}$ Dodge for Work at the Bridewell fence..... | £8: 8:— |
| N$^{o}$ 290— | Anth$^{o}$ Post for Repairs to the City Hall..... | 260: 3:— |
| N$^{o}$ 291— | W$^{m}$ J Elsworth for Repairs to the fire Engine..... | 30:14: 7 |
| N$^{o}$ 292 | Peter Hulick & others for apprehend$^{g}$ Vagrants..... | 10: 8:— |
| N$^{o}$ 293 | Joseph Beck for sweeping Chimnies..... | 4:16:— |
| N$^{o}$ 294 | James Irvin for apprehend$^{g}$ Vagrants..... | 6: 2:— |
| N$^{o}$ 295 | Jer. Wool Coroner for Inquisitions..... | 97:18:— |
| N$^{o}$ 296— | Nath$^{l}$ Tylee for Necessaries furnished Poor families in the Out Ward..... | 6:12: 9 |
| N$^{o}$ 297— | [269] Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder Collector of the East W$^{d}$ to repay Philip Rhinelander his Tax..... | 7:10:— |
| N$^{o}$ 298— | Joseph Ransom for carting Dirt into Pecks Slip..... | 5:11:10 |
| N$^{o}$ 299— | David Waldron for work$^{g}$ the Road..... | 3: 5:— |
| N$^{o}$ 300— | Antho. Ackley for Iron Mongy City Hall..... | 5:10: 8 |
| N$^{o}$ 301— | Theop$^{s}$ Brower for sundries at the Alms H$^{s}$..... | 3:14: 4 |
| N$^{o}$ 302— | Peter Mesier for 2 Spars..... | 3:—:— |
| N$^{o}$ 303— | Adolph Waldron for sundries..... | 471:14:10 |
| N$^{o}$ 304— | Embree & Shotwell for sundries at the Bridewell..... | 119:11: 6 |
| N$^{o}$ 305— | Gilbert & Fleming as Clerks at the late Election in the North Ward ..... | 7: 4: 6 |
| N$^{o}$ 306— | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder & Tho$^{s}$ Lefoy for sundries supplied to Poor families in the W$^{t}$ W$^{d}$..... | 5:17:— |
| N$^{o}$ 307 | Phil. Arcularius for sink$^{g}$ &$^{c}$ a Well in franckfort Street ..... | 40:19: 6 |
| N$^{o}$ 308— | Sam$^{l}$ Atlee & C$^{o}$ for 1 bar$^{l}$ beer..... | 1: 2: 6 |
| N$^{o}$ 309— | G. & B. Fisher for sundries supplied the Poor of the Out Ward ..... | 5:—:— |
| N$^{o}$ 310 | Henry Britsell & others for apprehend$^{g}$ Vagrants.... | 3:16:— |

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| N° 312 | Peter Hughes as Clerk of an Election..... | £3:—:— |
| N° 313— | W^m Gilbert d° d° ..... | 2:10:— |
| N° 314— | W^m Robertson d° d° ..... | 3:—:— |
| N° 315— | Aaron Stockholm for Shoes for the Alms House previous to the late War..... | 15: 0: 9 |

[270] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the Alms House of the s^d City on Tuesday the 2^d May 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq^r Mayor

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| Ab^m P Lott | Esq^rs Ald^n | Ab^m Van Gelder | Assist^s |
| John Broome | | George Janeway | |
| W^m W Gilbert | | Dan^l Phoenix | |
| Will^m Neilson | | Jon^a Lawrence | |

M^r Mayor produced to the Board A Letter from his Excellency General Washington covering his Answer to the Address of this Corporation of the 2^d of December last; which said Answer is in the Words following viz^t.

"To the hon^ble the Mayor Recorder Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York.

Gentlemen

I receive your address and the freedom of the City with which you have been pleased to present me in a Golden Box, with the sensibility and Gratitude which such Distinguished honors have Claim to. The flattering expression of Both, stamps value on the Acts; & call for Stronger language than I am Master of, to convey my sense of the Obligation in adequate terms

To have had the good fortune amidst the Viscitudes of a Long and arduous contest "never to have known a moment when I did not "possess the Confidence and Esteem of my Country"—and that my Conduct should have met the approbation and Obtained the Affectionate reward of the State New York (where Difficulties were [273]* numerous & complicated) may be ascribed more to the Effect of divine wisdom, which had Disposed the Minds of the people Harrassed on all Sides, to make allowances for the embarrassments of my situation, whilst with fortitude and patience they sustained the loss of their Capitol, and Valuable part of their Territory, and to the liberal sentements and great exertion of her Virtuous Citizens, than to any Merit of Mine

* The consecutive pagination of the original manuscript minutes is interrupted here by the interpolation of a leaf paged 271 and 272, given hereafter.—Ed.

The reflection of these things now, after the Many hours of anxious sollicitude which all of us have had is as pleasing; as our embarrassments at the Moment we encountered them were distressing —and must console us for past sufferings and perplexities

I pray that Heaven may bestow it's Choicest blessings on your City, that the Devastations of war, in which you found it, may soon be without a trace—That a well regulated and beneficial Commerce may enrich all your Citizens, and that your state (at present the seat of the empire) may set such examples of wisdom and liberality as shall have a tendency to Strengthen & give permanancy to the Union at home—and credit and respectibility to it abroad. the accomplishment whereof is a remaining wish, and the primary object of all my Desires.

G° Wasshington"

Ordered that the said Address & Answer be publish[d]

This Board having contracted with proper Persons to remove the Filth & Dirt from the several Streets of this City; it is become necessary that the Law for cleaning the Streets should be revised. The Clerk according to Order produced a Law for the Purpose which was passed by the Board & ordered to be published in the News Papers— The Title whereof is as follows viz[t]

"A Law for paving the Streets & for preventing Nuisances within this City."

[271] Whereas in and by an Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act for the more easy assessment of Taxes, for prolonging the Terms of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, altering the Mode of Punishment in certain Cases of Petit Larceny in the City and County of New York; and for the confinement of Vagrants and Common Prostitutes to hard labour." passed 18th March 1785 it is among other Things provided and enacted "That the Power Duty and Authority of overseeing and providing for the Poor shall be vested in the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City in Common Council convened to be assisted by such Commissioners as they have commissioned or appointed or hereafter shall commission or appoint for that Purpose."

Ordered that Ald[n] Broome & Neilson & M[r] Phœnix be a Committee to examine & audit the Accounts of the Commissioners

Ordered that this Board in conjunction with the Commissioners do immediately proceed to examine the State of the Alms House & Bridewell & they immediately proceeded accordingly

The Commissioners presented to the Board an Estimate of Expenditures made & Necessaries required viz[t]

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| for the Alms House | £800 |
| for the Bridewell | 400 |

Which being approved of by the Board

[272] Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance to the said Commissioners the Sum of £800 for the Use of the Alms House and the said Sum of £400 for use of the Bridewell accordingly

[274] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 12[th] May 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

Esq[rs] Ald[n]: Wm W Gilbert, Wm Neilson, Jer. Wool, Jno Broome

Assist[s]: Dan[l] Phœnix, Geo. Janeway, Ab[m] Van Gelder, Henry Shute, Aert Huysman, Jon[a] Lawrence

The Committee appointed to enquire & report on the Subject of the intended Alterations in the Streets at Verlettenbergh & Broadway delivered a verbal Report on the Subject Whereupon the Board came to the following Determination viz[t]

That the Corporation are of Opinion that the levelling of the Broadway so as to give it a gentle Descent from the upper Pump to the Bowling Green would be a public Ornament as well as convenience to which they would chearfully contribute did not the Condition of their Funds forbid it: But as they are circumstanced, if the Improvement should be adopted, it must be accomplished at the private Expence of the Proprietors; and as the Corporation are uncertain whether the Proprietors of the Lots having suffered so much under the Waste & Ravages of the War would be willing to incur that Expence and conceiving it might be considered as a hardship to compel them against their [275] Inclination, the Corporation submit it to the Determination of the Proprietors whether the Alteration shall be made or not, in which if they cannot unite the Street must remain in it's present Situation—If they can agree it will be regulated as formerly proposed and the Corporation will in that case be at the Expence of purchasing the Lot belonging to M[r] Moore in order to enlarge the Street to Hudson's River from the Broadway

City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday 20th May 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| Abm P Lott | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Jer. Wool | | Aert Huysman | |
| John Broome | | Jons Lawrence | |
| Willm Neilson | | | |

Harmanus Blauvelt Jesse Danielson Cartmen admitted & sworn freemen of the City & ordered to be registered

The Board proceeded to the reconsideration of their Resolution of the 29th of March last* approving of a part of the Plan of the Commissioners for regulating the Streets in the burnt part of the City and the Question being put whether the said Resolution should be revoked it passed in the Affirmative.

[276] Thereupon Resolved that the said Resolution of this Board of the 29th of March last approving of a part of the said Plan of the said Commissioners be & the same is hereby revoked & repealed.

Two Accounts of Whitehead Hicks Esqr decd late Mayor of this City of Licences issued to Tavern keepers were presented to the Board

Ordered that the Treasurer charged the respective Ballances, due to the Corporation, to Mr Hicks's Acct with this Corporation

It being suggested that the Law for cleaning the Streets was still deficient with respect to the paving of them Wherefore the following Law was passed & ordered to be published vizt

"A supplementary Law to the Law entitled "A Law for paving the Streets & for preventing Nuisances within this City."

The Clerk produced four Bonds from this Corporation for £500 each three of them to Hugh Gaine & the other to Robert Willson Junr which with an Order on the Treasury in favor of Mr Gaine for £82: 10 is in full for the Principal & Interest of a Bond, from the Corporation to Richd Waldron for £700 & by him assigned to Hugh Gaine & Hamilton Young & a Bond to Wm McCleod & by him assigned to Hugh Gaine.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the sd Bonds & that Mr Mayor subscribe his Name to them respectively accordingly

* Marginal note reads *See P. 248.*—Ed.

N° 319 issued Ordered that M^r Mayor issue a Warrant on the Treasury in favor of Hugh Gaine for the s^d Sum of £82:10/ accordingly

[277] Ordered that M^r Mayor issue Warrants on the Treasury for the payment of the follow^g Acc^ts viz^t

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| N° 316 issued | To Rinier Skaats for his Attendance as City Marshall 3 m^ths end^g the 15^th Inst..... | £10:—:— |
| N° 317 issued | To Gerrit Debow for repairs fire Buckets & the Rent of an Engine H^s..... | 7:10:— |
| N° 318 issued | To David Waldron for repairs to Kings Bridge..... | 7: 2: 6 |

Ordered that M^r Mayor issue his Warr^ts on the Treasury in favor of the follow^g Persons for the follow^g Sums viz^t

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| issued | N° 320 | To Phœbee Barnes on Acc^t of Interest..... | £100:—:— |
| | N° 321 | To Philena Barnes d° d° ..... | 100:—:— |
| | N° 322 | To Fred^k Van Cortlandt d° ..... | 100:—:— |
| | N° 323 | To the legal Representative of Peter Middleton | 100:—:— |
| | N° 324 | To Aug^t Van Horne & Eliz^th Rivington on Acc^t of the Estate of Corn^s V Horne dec^d..... | 100:—:— |
| | N° 326 | To the Hospital of New York d° ..... | 100:—:— |
| | N° 327 | To John Alsop d° ..... | 200:—:— |

N° 328 issued Ordered that the Committee appointed to examine the fire Engine of Richard Deane, purchase the same at £40 for the use of this Corporation & that M^r Mayor issue his Warr^t on the Treasurer in favor of M^r Deane for the s^d Sum of £40 accordingly.

[278] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday 25^th May 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq^r Mayor

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| Ab^m P Lott | } Esq^rs Ald^n | Dan^l Phœnix | } Assist^s |
| Benj. Blagge | | Aert Huysman | |
| John Broome | | Tho^s Ten Eyck | |
| Nich^s Bayard | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Will^m Neilson | | Jon^a Lawrence | |
| W^m W Gilbert | | | |

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| Peter Van Houten | Cartman | Gerrit Smith | Cartman |
| James Smith | d° | Isaac Kipp | d° |
| John Bishop | d° | John Dusenbury | d° |
| Barnt Nagel | d° | & John Mills | Shoemaker |

several[ly] admitted & sworn freemen of this City & ord^d to be registered

Ordered that Tuesday the 7^th June next be appointed for Elections

in the several Wards of Assessors in the stead of those elected at the last Election who have removed or are ineligible.

It being suggested to the Board that the Allowance made the Goaler for subsisting the Prisoners is too great.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Neilson & Gilbert & M$^{r}$ Janeway be a Committee to report Means for lessening the Expence.

A Petition of John Cross for an Abatement of Rent was read & rejected.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasury for the paym$^{t}$ of the follow$^{g}$ Persons the follow$^{g}$ Sums viz$^{t}$

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| N$^{o}$ 329 | To W$^{m}$ Wright for the Use of the Poor of the Out Ward | £2:10:— |
| N$^{o}$ 330 issued | [279] To Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for lighting City Lamps from 26$^{th}$ March to 26$^{th}$ April last | £34: 8: 4 |
| N$^{o}$ 331 issued | To Jon$^{a}$ Pearssee for victualling Prisoners viz$^{t}$ for the Month of September last | £64: 4:— |
| | D$^{o}$ Oct$^{r}$ | 32:16:— |
| | D$^{o}$ Nov$^{r}$ | 36: 1:— |
| | D$^{o}$ Dec$^{r}$ | 29:11: 5 |
| | D$^{o}$ Jan$^{y}$ | 31:15: 3 |
| | D$^{o}$ feb$^{y}$ | 38: 6: 9 |
| | D$^{o}$ March | 50:19: 6 |
| | | £283:13:11 |

City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s$^{d}$ City on Monday June 20$^{th}$ 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

Ab$^{m}$ P Lott, John Broome, W$^{m}$ Neilson, W$^{m}$ W Gilbert, Jer. Wool } Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder, Geo. Janeway, Jon$^{a}$ Lawrence, Dan$^{l}$ Phœnix } Assist$^{s}$

A Plan of the Commiss$^{rs}$ of the Alms House &$^{c}$ for enclosing the Ground commonly called the fields was presented to the Board for their [280] approbation Whereupon it was determined by the Board that the Commissioners might proceed in the prosecution of their said Plan, provided it be not attended with any Expence to this Corporation.

Petitions of Cary Ludlow, Edward Nicoll Robert Livingston, & Philip, Livingston Adm$^{r}$ of Philip Livingston dec$^{d}$ praying Grants of the Soil under Water in front of their respective Lots at Burnets Key,

were respectively read & granted. Ordered that the Clerk prepare Drafts of the said Grants accordᵍˡʸ

A Petition of Phil. Livingston prayᵉ a remission of the Quit Rent on certain Water Lots at Nassau Island which became due during the late War; was read & referred to the Committee on similar Petitions.

A Petition of Leonard Goetz praying a Lease of Lot Nº 117 in Chatham Street was read & granted. Ordered that a Lease be prepared accordingly at £6 per annum

On reading a Petition of Lawrence Low & a Petition of Wᵐ Alexander & Geo. Brock for Leases of the Common Lands.

Ordered that one of the City Surveyors do without Delay lay out the vacant Lands belongᵉ to this Corporation, situate between the Post & Blooming Dale Roads, into Lots as near as may be of five Acres each & numbered leaving a middle Road between the said [281] two Roads & that a Plan of the said Lands as above directed be produced to this Bᵈ as soon as may be after the Survey thereof is compleated.

Ordered that the annual Rent of Lot Nº 118 in Chatham Street (for which a Lease was ordered on the 11ᵗʰ Novʳ last, to be prepared for James Purdy) be Six Pounds

A Petition of Isaac Sears of this City Merchᵗ was read setting forth that he, by certain Indentures of Lease & Release duly made & executed by Thomas Arden & Mary his Wife Dated the 2ᵈ & 3ᵈ Days of febʸ 1770 became & still stands seized in fee simple of the Parts & Shares divided & undivided of the said Thomas Arden in all that certain Piece of Ground situate in the City of New York bounded Westerly in front by the Broad Way Southerly by the Green commonly called the fields Easterly by the Ground belonging to this Corporation & occupied with the Poor House & Northerly by other Ground of the said Corporation of which Piece of Land John Harris the Elder was seized at the time of his Death—That the said Petitioner actually paid for the sᵈ Piece of Ground the Sum of Eighty Pounds lawful of New York; for the Truth of all which he refers to the said Indentures [282] of Lease & Release now produced to this Board. That the Bridewell is erected on Part of the said Ground & the said Petitioner is willing to release the same to this Corporation on their ordering him to be paid the said purchase Money of eighty Pounds with lawful Interest.

Whereupon it was agreed by the Board to accept of Mʳ Sears's Offer & Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Deed accordingly.

Ordered that William Dobbs be & he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain &ᶜ in this City

The Treasurer informed the Board that he had received proposals from two Persons for sinking the Blocks & building the Bridges of the Wharf at the North River & the Bulkhead in the front of the Street, That Elias Burger is willing to undertake the laboring Part of the Business to compleat the same for £200.

Ordered that the Treasurer agree with Mr Burger on those Terms and that the Treasurer purchase the Timber & other Materials necessary for the Work.

No 332 issued — Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Abm Van Gelder in full of his Acct for sundry Disbursements in & about the City Lamps & for one Years Salary as Supt of the lighting of the City Lamps ends the 16th Inst..... £66: 7: 6

It being represented to the Board that the Office of Inspector of Wood from [283] the East side of the Albany Pier to Wells's Wharf was become vacant by the Death of Saml De Groot & this Board having on the 5th April last determined that George Hutton should be appointed to the said Office whenever it should become vacant

Ordered that the said George Hutton be & he is hereby appointed to the said Office accordingly.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 22d Day of June 1785.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benj. Blagge<br>John Broome<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Jerem. Wool | Esqrs Alds | Thos Ten Eyck<br>Danl Phœnix<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Henry Shute<br>Aert Huysman<br>Jonas Lawrence |

Assists

The following Gentlemen having been lately elected to the Office of Assessor, in the stead of others whose Places were become vacant, [284] severally took & subscribed the Oaths by Law directed vizt Peter Stoutenburgh for the South Ward—Gerrit Harsen & Archibald Curry for the Dock Ward—Andrew Hamersley for the East Ward—Jacobus Lefferts & Gerardus Duyckinck for the North Ward—& Peter Mesier for the West Ward David Waldron & Henry Van Bremen Assessors for the Harlem Division of the Out Ward also attended & took & subscribed the sd Oaths.

The Board then proceeded to consider the Sum necessary to be raised in pursuance of the Law entitled "An Act to enable the Mayor

Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, to order the raising Monies by Tax for the maintenance of the Poor & other contingent Expences arising in the said City" passed the 22d April 1785.

Whereupon it was determined & ordered that the Sum of £10,000 that is to say that the Sum of £6,000 be forthwith raised by Tax on the Estates Real & Personal of all & every the freeholders & Inhabitants within the City & County of New York to be applied to the Support and maintenance of the Poor of the said City & County the Bridewell, & the Criminals from time to time confined in the Prison of the said City & County & to the repairing & maintaining the public Roads & cleaning & improving the Streets within the said City & County And that the further Sum of £4,000 be forthwith raised by Tax on the Estates Real & Personal of all & every the Freeholders & Inhabitants within the said City [285] on the South Side of a Line in the said Law described.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assists of the East & Montgomerie Wards be a Committee to view & report the State of Burlings Beekmans & the Coffee House Slips & Streets

That the Aldn & Assists of the Dock & South Wards be a Committee to view & report the State of the Et side of Coenties Dock & the Drain at the lower End of Broad Street

That Aldn Broome & Bayard & Mr Lawrence & Mr Ten Eyck be a Committee to report the Measures proper to be taken by this Corporation on the fourth of July; being the* anniversary of the Independence of this State

That Aldn Wool Mr Janeway & Mr Lawrence be a Committee with full Power to take such effectual Measures & they shall conceive necessary for repairing & making tight the Roof of the City Hall.

And that Aldn Lott & Bayard & Mr Janeway be a Committee with the like Powers for repairs the Roof of the Goal & securing the criminal Prisoners.

A Petition of John Conway & a 2d Petition of Wm Alexander praying Leases of certain of the Corporation Lands at Inchlam Bergh were respectively read.

The Board proceeded to the Consideration of a Petition of Robt G Livingston praying [286] a Remission of the arrears of Qt Rent due on a certain Lot at Inchlam Bergh leased to Saml Farmer & by him assigned to the Petitioner & John Weatherhead in Trust for the Creditors of the said Samuel Farmer. Whereupon it was determined

* Marginal note reads *9th Anniversary*.—ED.

by the Board that the Prayer of the said Petitioner could not be granted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Comfort Sands delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"That they have taken a View of the Ground on which the House & Buildings belonging to the Corporation at the Ferry are erected & have considered the Proposal of M[r] Sands

That there appears to the Committee from the Remains of the Fence now standing as well as from the Testimony of divers Persons who are well acquainted with the situation & extent of the Ground formerly purchased of by the Corporation to be a considerable Piece of the said Ground now enclosed within the Fence of the Garden belonging to the House formerly occupied by John Rapalye; Which Ground was enclosed by him at the Time when the old Ferry House was unfortunately destroyed by Fire and has since been detained by him notwithstand[g] frequent Applications have been made for removing the Fence to the proper Line

[287] The Committee are of Opinion that great Advantages might result from the proposed Improvements of M[r] Sands, not only to himself but also to the Public, by opening a Street between the East River and the Rear of the House of M[r] Sands to run in front of the Barn now belonging to the Corporation & to continue along the Shore. And that a Grant be made to M[r] Sands of the Water Lots adjoining to the said Grounds on the same Terms as has been granted Philip Livingston &[c] Provided that the Fence in the Rear of the Ferry House be removed to it's proper Line and the Ground enclosed by John Rapalye be added to the Yard of the Ferry House to enlarge the same; Without which Addition the Committee are of Opinion that it will be attended with great Inconvenience to the Tenants of the Corporation as well as sacrificing a considerable Piece of Ground to the use of the public from which the Corporation or their Tenants will derive no advantage.

June 20[th] 1785

Ab[m] P Lott
Dan[l] Phœnix"

An Acc[t] of the public Whipper was presented to the Board for payment

Ordered that the Sherif be informed that the Corporation will no longer pay a public Whipper.

[288] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the followg Persons the followg Sums in full of their respective Accts audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board vizt

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| No 333 issued | To Gerrit Van Wagenen as Clerk at the late genl Election in the Dock Ward & for the like at a late Election for an Assessor | £3:19:— |
| No 334. issued | To Antho Post for Repairs to the City Hall & a Bulkhead at the North River | 206:18:— |
| No 335. issued | To Abm Van Gelder for lighting City Lamps from 26th April to 26th May | 27:10: 8 |
| No 336 issued | To Barent Sebring for Iron Work to the public Pumps in the Year 1776 | 25:13: 4 |
| No 337. issued | To Thos Gilbert as Clerk to the late Election of an Assessor in the So Wd | 1:—:— |
| No 338 issued | To Andrew Thompson for paving Stone at Pecks Slip.. | 15:12:— |
| No 339 issued | To John W Gilbert as Clerk to the late Election in the So Ward | 1:—:— |
| No 340 issued to Jno Webb | Ordered that £8 be granted in addition to the £7 heretofore promised by this Board towards a Well in Catharine Street And that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the Sum of £15 for that Purpose accordingly | |

[289] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 29th June 1785.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Benj. Blagge, Abm P Lott, Wm W Gilbert, John Broome, Jer. Wool, Nichs Bayard

Assists: Jonas Lawrence, Geo. Janeway, Aert Huysman, Danl Phœnix, Thos Ten Eyck

Aldn Broome from the Committee for the Purpose appointed on the 6th of April last delivered in the following Report which was read & approved

"That they have examined into & considered the Law & also the Charter of this City touching the Office of Clerk of the Market and that they are of Opinion that the Mayor of this City as Clerk of the Market thereof is by virtue of the Charter legally entitled to a Compensation for marking & sealing of Weights & Measures, and to no

other Fee or Reward whatsoever for or on Account of the said Office of Clerk of the Market

That they have inspected the Records of the Common Council and do find that previous to the late War, to wit, from the Year 1763 [290] to the Year 1775 the Common Council did authorize the Mayor to retain out of the Monies received by him for Licences to Tavern-keepers the Sum of One hundred & twenty five Pounds in full Satisfaction of all his Claims on the Revenue derived to the Corporation from the Stalls & standings in the public Markets of this City And that no other or greater Allowance hath at any time heretofore been made to him on that Account.

That the Common Council did in the same Years also allow the Mayor to retain out of the Monies so received by him for Licences to Tavern keepers the Sum of four Shillings for granting each Licence and no more.

Richd Varick Chairman
May 25th 1785.
Jno Broome
Wm Neilson
Wm W Gilbert
Thos Ten Eyck"

Ordered that the Clerk wait on Mr Mayor with a Copy of the above Report And that the further Consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday Afternoon next at 5 O'Clock

Aldn Broome from the Committee for the Purpose appointed reported the following Order for the celebration of the 4th July next which was agreed to by the Board vizt

"At Sun Rising 13 round of Cannon to be fired in the Fields & the Flagg of the United States displayed on the City Hall.

[291] At 8 O'Clock in the Morning all the Bells in the City (the alarm Bell at the City Hall & that at the Goal excepted) to commence & continue ringing for 1 Hour.

At 12 O'Clock the Mayor Recorder Aldermen & Assistants attended by the Clerk Sherif & the Marshalls & Constables (to assemble at the City Hall when the like firing of the Cannon & the ringing of the Bells is to be repeated) & thence to proceed to wait on their Excellencies the Governor & the President of Congress with the Compliments of the City on the Occasion

To conclude the Day, the like firing of the Cannon is to be repeated at the setting of the Sun.

Ordered that the same Committee with the addition of Mr Phœnix

be directed to wait on their Excellencies & acquaint them of the Intention of the Board & to order the firing of the Guns &c &c as above

A Memorial of the Keeper of the Alms House praying that a more convenient Piece of Ground may be set apart for the interment of the Dead from the Alms House & informing that there are several Persons in the House who ought to be sent their proper Places of Residence; was read

[292] Ordered that Aldn Lott & Gilbert & Mr Van Gelder Mr Janeway & Mr Phœnix be a Committee, with one of the City Surveyors, to ascertain the boundary Line of the Lands of Henry Kip & others & this Corporation

And that Aldn Blagge, Lott Bayard & Wool be a Committee to examine & discharge such Persons as ought not to be continued in the Alms House

N° 340 issued — Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Silas Halsey the Sum of £8:13:8 & to Benjamin Hunting the Sum of £109:10 in full of their respective Accts (of Lamp Oil) audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board.*

[293] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Wednesday the 13th Day of July 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Wm Neilson, Nichs Bayard, Abm P Lott, Wm W Gilbert, Jer. Wool, Jno Broome } Esqrs Aldn

Jonn Lawrence, Abm Van Gelder, Danl Phœnix, Geo. Janeway, Aert Huysman } Assists

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| William Hamilton | Merchant | Were severally admitted & sworn as Freemen of this City & ordered to be registered |
| Hercules Wendover | Cartman | |
| Francis Gains | do | |

Mr Mayor after speaking to the Board on the Subject of the Report of the Committee relative to his fees as Clerk of the Market &c retired & Mr Recorder presided

When it was ordered that the same Committee with the addition of Mr Lawrence meet Mr Mayor to treat with him on the Subject & make report to the Board

* Here follows a blank half page in the minutes with a marginal memorandum "enter leases"—Ed.

[294] An Estimate or Proposals of Ebenezer Markham for removing certain Hulks from Coenties & other Docks was presented to the Board. Ordered that Aldⁿ Wool Mʳ Janeway & Mʳ Phœnix be a Committee to treat with Mʳ Markham for the removal of the Hulks from Coenties Wharf & Beekmans Slip.

On a suggestion that the Measurers of Timber were exorbitant in their Charges The followᵍ Law or Ordinance was passed & ordered to be published vizᵗ

A Law to regulate the Wages of the public Measurers of Boards & Timber within this City.

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened & it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that from henceforth, the Wages to be allowed to the public Measurers of Boards & Timber within this City shall be as follow that is to say—For every hundred feet of solid Measure two Shillings & for every thousand feet of superficial Measure four Shillings; one half thereof to be paid by the Buyer & the other half by the Seller.

Aldⁿ Bayard moved for an Order that Catharine Slip be filled up from the middle of Cherry Street to the Bulkhead at the public Expence. Debates arose & the Question being put it passed in the Affirmative as follows vizᵗ [295]

| for the Affirmative | for the Negative |
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| Aldⁿ Bayard | Aldⁿ Lott |
| Aldⁿ Broome | Aldⁿ Wool |
| Aldⁿ Gilbert | Aldⁿ Neilson |
| Mʳ Phœnix | Mʳ Lawrence |
| Mʳ Janeway | |
| Mʳ Huysman | |
| Mʳ Van Gelder | |

Thereupon Ordered that Aldⁿ Bayard Aldⁿ Blagge & Mʳ Shute be a Committee to direct the filling up of the said Slip accordingly

Ordered that the Engineer sell the old Ladder lately used at the fire at the french Church for such Price as he shall conceive it worth & that he cause a New one to be made in it's stead.

Ordered that Wednesday next at 3 O'Clock in the Afternoon be appointed to hear the Parties by themselves or Council on the Subject of the Petition of Doctor John Cochran relative to his Claim to the Grant of a Water Lot at Beekmans Slip and that the Clerk notify the Parties concerned of this Order

A Petition of several Inhabitants of the West Ward prayᵍ the permission & aid of the Corporation to sink two Wells in Greenwich Street was read.

Ordered that the s[d] Inhabitants have permission to sink the said Wells in such Parts of the Street as the Ald[n] & Assist of the Ward shall direct & that the Corporation [296] will be at the Expence of the Pumps.

A Petition of Corn[s] Slott setting forth that he had accord[g] to Law appointed Thomas Lafoy on his part to appraise his Damage by the Loss of a part of his Lot in consequence of the late regulation of Greenwich Street & pray[g] this Board to appoint a Person on their part; was read

Ordered that John M[c]Comb be appointed on the part of this Corporation to appraise the s[d] Lot & also to appraize the Lot of Jacob[s] Bogert in the stead of Henry Kip who declines that Service.

The Committee appointed on the 30[th] of April last to report a proper Place for erecting a Powder Magazine reported it as their Opinion "That a Powder Magazine can conveniently & safely be placed on the Corporation Ground at Inchlam Bergh to the West of the middle Road & to the North of the Farm of the late Benjamin Nicoll Esq[r]."

Ordered that the same Committee be directed to examine the Powder Magazine in the Township of Brooklin on the Land late of Isaac Sebring now belonging to Whitehead Cornell & if they find it fit for the temporary lodgment of Powder that they endeavour to agree for the use of it with the Owner & make Report at the next Meeting.

[297] The Committee appointed to examine & report on the State of the East side of Coenties Wharf & the Arch of the Drain below the Exchange reported that they find the former in such a Situation as to be impassable by Carts & at high Water by foot Passengers & that the latter with a small part of the Wharf requires repair."

Ordered that the same Committee direct the said Wharf & Drain to be repaired.

A Petition of Francis Yeoman & James Brewster praying to be appointed Measures of Boards & Timber was read.

Ordered that they be & hereby are appointed Measurers of Boards & Timber accordingly.

A Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the West Ward complaining of the irregularity of Murray Street & pray[g] that Measures be taken for their Relief was read & referred to Ald[n] Lott & Gilbert & M[r] Van Gelder.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer for the payment of the follow[g] Person the follow[g] Sums in full of their

respective Acc[ts] audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board. viz

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| N° 341 issued | To James Bradford for his Acc[t] of Expences in firing Cannon on the annversary of the Independence of this State | £2:16:— |
| N° 342 issued | To John Cape for Liquor &[c] on the same Occasion | 38:—:— |
| N° 343 issued | To Henry C Sleght as Clerk of the late Election for Senators &[c] | 3:10:— |
| N° 344 issued | To Ab[m] Van Gelder for lighting public Lamps from 26[th] May to 26[th] June last | 27: 6: 8 |
| N° 345 issued | To Ann Crookshank Adm[x] of And[w] Marschalk for Services performed by Francis Marschalk dec[d] City Surveyor | 86:15:— |
| N° 346 issued | To Lafoy & Gilbert as Clerks at a late Election | 8:—:— |
| N° 347 issued | To Jn° Kemper for painting Constables Staves & glaz[g] Lamps | 14: 8: 6 |
| N° 348 iss[d] | To Rob[t] Sloan for Blacksmith Work | 3:14: 6 |
| N° 349 iss[d] | To Henry Birdsall for apprehend[g] Vagrants | 3: 8:— |
| N° 350 iss[d] | To Ezekiel Crane for repairs to the Ferry Stairs & Dock at Whitehall | 6:18: 6 |
| N° 351 issued | To Jn° Brasher as Clerk at an Election | 2:10:— |
| N° 352 iss[d] | To Edw[d] Blagge late Coroner for Inquests | 9:—:— |
| N° 353 iss[d] | To Andrew Thompson for Repairs to Wells & Pumps & the Powder Magazine | 19:12:— |
| N° 354 iss[d] | To Rob[t] Patrick for Timber on the Corporation Wharf build[g] at the North River | 27: 4:— |
| N° 355 issued | To Henry Ten Eyck for 1 Load Stone for D° | 3:10:— |
| N° 356 iss[d] | To Jon[a] Patrick for Logs for D° | 138: 0:— |
| N° 357 iss[d] | To Edw[d] Comstead for D° for D° | 49: 6:— |

[299] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 20th Day of July 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Danl Phœnix | Assists |
| John Broome | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Willm Neilson | | Jons Lawrence | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Jer. Wool | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Abm P Lott | | Aert Huysman | |

The Board accordg to order proceeded to the further hearing of the Parties on the Subject of the Petition of Dr John Cochran relative to his Claim to the Grant of a Water Lot at Beekmans Slip When the Parties vizt Doctor Cochran by his Counsel Mr Hamilton—Mrs Cathn Lawrence by her Council Mr B Livingston & Mr Isaac Sears by himself were respectively fully heard & then the further Consideration & the Determination on the Case was postponed until to Morrow 12 OClock.

[300] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 21st July 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Thos Ten Eyck | Assists |
| John Broome | | Jons Lawrence | |
| Wm Neilson | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Aert Huysman | |
| Jer. Wool | | Danl Phœnix | |
| Abm P Lott | | | |
| Wm Wm Gilbert | | | |

Mr Recorder presented to the Board a State of Facts drawn up by Mr Mayor, on the Subject of the Report of the Committee on the Mayors fees; which was read Ordered that the same Committee meet with Mr Mayor to confer with him on the Subject & to receive his Proposals and that they report the Result to the Board

The Board proceeded to the Consideration of the Case of Doctor John Cochran Whereupon Resolved that it does appear to this Board That on the 12th [301] Day of September 1750 Mrs Cornelia Schuyler now deceased, did by Petition apply to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened praying a Grant to her of a Water Lot fronting her Lot of Ground at Beekmans Slip in Montgomerie Ward And that the Deputy Clerk

was directed to prepare a Grant of the same pursuant to the prayer of her Petition & that he should produce the same at the next Common Council—That some time in the Year 1764 Doctor John Cochran (being inter married with Gertrude the Daughter of Mrs Schuyler, did by Petition apply to the Common Council for a Grant to him of that Water Lot That the Inhabitants of that Neighborhood did at the same time present to the Common Council their counter Petition praying that the Prayer of Doctor Cochrans Petition might not be granted and further praying that the Parties might be heard by themselves or Counsel. That it appears from the Minutes of the Common Council of the 20th of March 1764 that in pursuance of an Order of the Common Council of the 13th of that Month Dr Cochran by Thos Smith his Counsel & the Neighborhood of Beekmans Slip by Mr Benj. Kissam [302] their Counsel were heard And that thereupon the Board declared it as their Opinion that Doctor Cochran was entitled to a Grant of the Water Lot petitioned for by him or an equivalent for the same; which equivalent the Board did fix at five hundred Pounds to be paid to him with all convenient speed by those who opposed the Prayer of his Petition, or that in default thereof the said Water Lot be granted to him upon the Terms whereon the Water Lots in that Neighborhood had been granted; he first paying the back Rents from the 12th Day of September 1750 and that it was further Ordered that if the said Sum of five hundred Pounds should be tendered to Doctor Cochran or his Counsel within a reasonable Time & he or Counsel should refuse to accept that Sum that then he & all those claiming under him and all other Persons whatsoever should be forever debarred from any Claim or Pretence whatsoever to a Grant of the Board for the said Water Lot, Excepting such part thereof as the board should thereafter think proper to grant for a Pier on the South West side of the Slip adjoining the House & Lot of John Berrien. That it further appears from Doctor Cochrans Confession before this Board that he received [303] the said Sum of five hundred Pounds in the said last recited Order of the Common Council mentioned.

That it appears further from the Minutes of Common Council that on the 15th Day of August 1764 an Order passed in the Words following vizt

"It is ordered by the Board that John Berrien have liberty to "lay a Pier of 18 feet on the northeast side of his dwelling House "fronting Beekmans Slip and that the remaining Water Lot lately "claimed by John Cochran be forever hereafter left open for the "use of the public; which said Pier is to be & remain a public Pier

" & Street for the use of the public forever, the same to be from time " to time forever hereafter upheld maintained & kept in repair by " the said John Berrien his Heirs and Assigns forever; the income & " profits of the said Pier to be & remain to & for the Use of the " Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York their Suc- " cessors & Assigns forever, Excepting thereout so much of the said " Pier as fronts the East River, the income & benefit of the same to be " taken & received by the said John Berrien his Heirs & Assigns for- " ever."

On the Question being put whether the Prayer of Doctor Cochran's Petition could [304] be granted it passed unanimously in the Negative.

Therefore Resolved that the Prayer of the said Petition of Doctor John Cochran cannot be granted.

Ald$^{n}$ Bayard then moved that a further Compénsation be made Doctor Cochran for the said Water Lot; & it passed in the Negative.

M$^{r}$ Recorder laid before the Board a Letter from his Excellency the President of Congress directed to M$^{r}$ Mayor enclosing a Request of Congress " that the President address a Letter to the Mayor of this City informing him that the Debates of Congress being frequently interrupted by the passing of Carriages, Congress are desirous of ordering Chains to be provided for preventing such Interruption during their daily Sessions if the Measure is not disagreeable to the police of the City"

Whereupon the Board came to the following Determination.

This Board being chearfully disposed to accommodate the United States in Congress assembled to the utmost of their Power Do hereby signify their Consent & Approbation that, that hon$^{ble}$ Body should order Chains to be drawn across the Streets from the North East, South East & South West Corners of the City Hall to prevent the Noise of passing Carriages during the Hours of their daily Sessions.

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| N$^{o}$ 358. issued | Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay John Seguine in full of his Acc$^{t}$ of Shingles for the Goal..... | £62:14:— |

[305] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House of the said City on Monday the first Day of August 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>Ab[m] P Lott<br>John Broome<br>W[m] W Gilbert<br>Jer. Wool | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Dan[l] Phœnix<br>Ab[m] Van Gelder<br>Jon[a] Lawrence<br>Geo. Janeway | Assist[s] |

Ordered that Ald[n] Broome & Gilbert & Mess[rs] Lawrence & Janeway be a Committee to examine & audit the Accounts of *of* the Commissioners. (of the Alms House)

Ordered that this Board in conjunction with the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell do immediately proceed to examine the State of the said two Institutions & the Board with the Commissioners immediately proceeded accordingly

The Commissioners presented their Estimate of Monies required for Provisions Clothing &[c] for the said two Institutions for the ensuing Quarter viz[t]

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| for the Alms House | £800 |
| for the Bridewell | 400 |
| Total | £1200 |

Which being approved of by the Board

[306] N° 359 issued Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay unto the said Commissioners the said Sum of £800 for the use of the Alms House & the said Sum of £400 for the Use of the Bridewell accordingly

The Commitee appointed to examine & audit the Commiss[rs] Acc[ts] reported that they examined the said Acc[ts] & found them right and that there appears to have been expended since the last visitation.

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| For the use of the Alms House | £836:19:11 |
| For the use of the Bridewell | 73: 6: 6 |

Ordered that the vacant Ground in the Rear of the Barricks & not in dispute be used for the interment of the deceased Persons of the Alms House & Bridewell. until the further Order of this Board

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay to such Person or Persons as shall be legally authorized to receive & take into Custody the Estate Real & Personal of David Gobel an absconding Debtor, the Sum of £167:5:6, being the Amount (after deductg the Rents due to the Corporation & the Charges of Sale of the Sales of the Improvements on Lot No 2 in Chatham Street which said Improvemts were sold in pursuance of an Order of this Board of the 9th March 1784.

No 360 issued

[307] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday Augt 10th 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | } Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | } Assists |
| Abm P. Lott | | Jonas Lawrence | |
| John Broome | | Danl Phœnix | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Jer. Wool | | Aert Huysman | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |

The Committee appointed to enquire of Mr Cornell for the Use of his Buildg in the Township of Brooklyn as a Powder Magazine reported that they had conferred with him on the Subject and that the said Building was employed for other purposes & therefore he could not spare it.

Ordered that a proper Building for the safe storing of Gun Powder be erected at the Place near Inchlam Bergh agreable to the Report of the Committee on the 13th July last

Ordered that Aldn Bayard & Gilbert & Mr Janeway be a Committee to report a Plan of the Buildg & that they confer with the Keeper of the present Magazine on the Subject

[308] An Application of several Inhabitants praying that the Street leading from Queens Street opposite to Burlings Slip may be regulated so as to render the Ascent more easy agreable to a Plan by them exhibited to the Board was read And a Petition of several Persons of that Neighborhood praying that the said Street may not be altered unless it be raised at the lower End equal to what it may be lowered at the upper End. was also read

The said Plan & Petition agt it being taken into consideration, the said Plan was approved by the Board

Thereupon Ordered that the said Street leading from Queens Street opposite to Burling's Slip be and the same is hereby regulated

as follows viz[t] Beginning at the middle of the Gutter or Kennel opposite to the middle of the Gangway between the Houses of Thomas Vardell & Benjamin Stout Jun[r] & thence to the lower Corner of the House of Isaac Sears Esq[r] (being 314 feet) with a regular Descent of five Inches on every Ten feet.

Ordered that the Ald[n] & Assist[s] of the East & Montgomerie Wards cause the said Street to be dug out & paved accordingly

[309] A Petition of George Dalzel praying to be appointed an Inspector of fire Wood at Roosevelts Slip at the North River; was read

Ordered that he be & he is hereby appointed accordingly

A Petition of Christopher Colles praying (that as this Board have not been able to determine on his Demand ag[t] the Corporation on Acc[t] of the Water Works) they would be pleased to grant him some immediate Assistance; was read

N[o] 361 issued

Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance Christopher Colles the Sum of £100 on Acc[t]

A Memorial of the Corporation of "the first Presbyterian Congregation in the City of New York" was read pray[g] a Release, under the Seal of this Corporation, of the annual Sum of eighteen Pounds fifteen Shillings of the annual Rent reserved on the Ground whereon the New Presbyterian Church is erected may pass agreable to the report of the Committee of this Board read & approved on the 8[th] Day of Sept[r] last.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the D[r] of a Release accordingly

A Petition of John Van Alen praying to be released from his purchase of the Lease of the Ferry from the Corporation Dock to Hoboock was read & granted.

[310] Ordered that the said Ferry be again exposed to Sale for the Term of three Years at public Auction to the highest Bidder on Wednesday the 17[th] Inst at 3 O'Clock in the Afternoon at the House of John Van Alen by the Treasurer under the Direction of the Ald[n] & Assist. of the West Ward & that the Clerk advertize the same accordingly

Ordered that Elijah Wedge, public Cryer, be allowed in future an annual Salary of twenty five Pounds to commence from the 13[th] July last for all public Services to which he may be directed by this Board or any one of its Members.

M[r] Phœnix from the Committee for the purpose appointed reported on the State of the Collectors of the Poor Tax; which was read & the consideration postponed

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Broome & M$^{r}$ Phœnix & M$^{r}$ Lawrance be a Committee to cause to be removed in the most frugal manner the filth & Mud out of the Fly Market Slip.

Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert from the Committee reported that they had examined Murray Street & that it required regulating.

Ordered that the same Committee, with one of the City Surveyors, regulate the said Street & report the same to this B$^{d}$

[311] As the Public have never had a State of the expenditures for which Taxes are assessed laid before them and a desire prevailing at this Time that the appropriation of the last years tax should be published—And as this board can have no interested views or apprehensions of censure to induce them to conceal these expences from the Public Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to make out a State of the appropriation of the Tax raised last year and of all the monies which have come into the Treasury since his appointment under the different heads—of Poor house Watch and Lamps Roads Pumps & Wells with any other expences being properly County charge and that he sign and publish the same and that he also make out a State of the Corporation Revenue—with the amount of the debts due from the Corporation as far as he hath been able to ascertain the same and that it be likewise Published

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay the follow$^{g}$ Persons the follow$^{g}$ Sums in full of their respective Accts audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz$^{t}$

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| N$^{o}$ 362 | To Joseph Hallet in full of his Acc$^{t}$ for Monies by him advanced in mak$^{g}$ the Wharf & fill$^{g}$ & paving Old Slip last Summer..... | £114:10: 1 |
| N$^{o}$ 363 | To Edw$^{d}$ Compston for his two Acc$^{ts}$ of Logs & other Timber for the Corporation Wharf at the North River | £214:17: 4 |
| N$^{o}$ 364 | To Edw$^{d}$ Compston for his Acc$^{t}$ of Timber for the Bulkhead in Greenwich Street..... | £39: 6: 8 |
| [312] N$^{o}$ 365 | To D$^{r}$ Peter Van Bueren for Attendance & Medicine to several Paupers..... | £17:19: 9 |
| N$^{o}$ 366 | To Elijah Wedge in full of his Services as public Cryer to the 13$^{th}$ July last..... | £9: 4:— |
| N$^{o}$ 367 | To George Codwise & the other Inspectors of the late Gen$^{l}$ Election in Montg$^{y}$ Ward..... | £10: 0: 8 |

[313] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday Aug$^{t}$ 17$^{th}$ 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Benj. Blagge
Wm W Gilbert
Wm Neilson
Nich$^{s}$ Bayard
Ab$^{m}$ P. Lott
Jn$^{o}$ Broome
Jer. Wool
} Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

Dan$^{l}$ Phœnix
Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder
Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck
Geo. Janeway
} Assist$^{s}$

Ordered that George Dalzel appointed at the last Meeting an Inspector of fire Wood exercise that Office in the District from the S$^{o}$ side of Leake's Wharf to the Battery

A Petition of Isaac Clawson praying the Board to appoint a Person on their Part to appraise (in conjunction with Gilbert Van Cortland appointed on his Part) the Injury his Lot hath sustained by the late Regulation of Greenwich Street was read & postponed

Ordered that if the Inhabitants & Proprietors of Lots in the vicinity of Greenwich & Partition Streets will make Compensation to Isaac Mead for the expence which will attend the altering & removing the foundation [314] & Frame of his House lately erected to where it ought to be placed agreably to the former Regulation of Greenwich Street this Board will carry into effect the said Regulation & will repeal their Order of the 15$^{th}$ of April last directing "that the west side of Greenwich Street as far as M$^{r}$ Meiser's Lot be regulated agreably to it's situation previous to the late War"

Ald$^{n}$ Wool reported that they had examined the old Magazine in the Fort that it is 28 by 48 feet large perfectly safe & convenient & that by a little airing will be very Dry

The following Report was presented read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

The Committee do report it as their Opinion that the Quit & other Rents which have accrued or become due to the Corporation on Houses & Lots or Water Lots respectively from the first Day of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & seventy Six and the twenty fourth Day of November one thousand seven hundred & eighty three inclusive from all & every Person or Persons whomsoever who hath or have resided within this State or any other of the United States of America and without the British Lines during [315] the late War & who hath or have not either directly or

indirectly by themselves or others received any Rent or other Benefit whatsoever from such Water Lots Houses and Ground Lots respectively ought to be remitted That therefore the Treasurer be directed to remit to Frederick Jay & to all and every other Person & Persons from whom the same shall be due owing & payable the Quit Rents which have become due to the Corporation during the Period aforesaid on Houses & Ground Lots leased to them or Water Lots granted to or held by them Provided that the said Frederick Jay and the other Persons aforesaid shall severally by their own respective Oaths or Affirmations or by the Oath or Affirmation of some other Person prove to the said Treasurer that he she or they respectively have resided out of the British Lines during the late War and that he she or they have not directly or indirectly received any Rent or other emolument whatsoever from such Houses & Ground Lots or such Water Lots respectively during the Period first aforesaid or any part thereof while the British Troops occupied this City. That such Oath or [316] (if of the People called Quakers) Affirmation be taken in Writing & subscribed by the Party making the same before the Mayor Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of this City & filed by the Treasurer as his Voucher for such Remission that he be directed thereupon to charge the Amount of such Quit Rents so to be remitted to the Corporation All which is nevertheless submitted

Richard Varick
W^m^ Neilson
Jn^o^ Broome
Jerem^h^ Wool

A Letter from Rich^d^ Harrison solliciting Payment on a Bond from this Corporation to Doctor Middleton was read.

Ordered that he be informed that this B^d^ are at present unable to pay more than a proportion of their Debts.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to direct*ed* the removing of the Wrecks at Coenties Wharf &^c^ have a discretionary Power of contracting to have it done in the most frugal manner.

The Committee appointed to confer with M^r^ Mayor reported a Conversation they had, had with him on the Subject of his Fees

Thereupon ordered that the said Subject be taken into Consideration at the first Meeting of this Board after M^r^ Mayor's return to this City & that the Clerk inform him of this Order accordingly

[317] A Representation of the Treasurer relative to an Allowance for his Services was read

Ordered that five Per Cent be allowed the Treasurer, for the whole

time of his being in Office, in full Compensation for his ordinary as well as extraordinary Services relative to the ordinary Revenues of this Corporation.

N° 368 issued — Ordered that M^r Recorder issue his Warr^t on Treasurer to pay Rinier Skaats City Marshall, the Sum of Ten Pounds for 1 Q^r Services from 15^th May to 15^th Aug^t

N° 369 issued — Ordered the like to pay Ab^m Van Gelder the Sum £27:14:8 for lighting City Lamps from 26^th June to 26^th July

[318] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s^d City on Friday 26^th Aug^t 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esq^r Recorder

Benj. Blagge, Jn° Broome, W^m W Gilbert, Nich^s Bayard } Esqr^s Ald^n

Dan^l Phœnix, Ab^m Van Gelder, Jon^a Lawrence, Henry Shute, Aert Huysman } Assist^s

A Petition of Matthew Wool pray^g to be appointed an Inspector of Wood in the Place of Adam Dobbs dec^d was read

Ordered that he be & is hereby appointed accordingly

Ordered that the Ald^n & Assist of the West Ward be a Committee to notify the Inhabitants in the Vicinity of Isaac Meads House that unless they agree with him about the removal of the foundation & Frame by him lately erected this Board will repeal their Order on that Subject made at the last Meet^g

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Chambers Street praying Permission to sink a Well in the said Street, the digging & stoning to be at Pump their own Expence & the Corporation to be at the Expence of the Corporation; was read & granted

[319] A Petition of Isaac Sears & others praying that Beekmans Slip be paved in like manner as the Old Slip And a Petition of Isaac Roosevelt & others praying that the Corporation Dock on the West side of Pecks Slip be repaired & extended into the River as far as that on the East side & that the Street about the Market be raised and paved; were read & granted & Ordered that the Ald^n & Assist of the Ward with M^r Phœnix cause the same to be done.

It being represented to the Board that it was found impracticable to remove the Wreck at Coenties Dock without very great Expence.

Ordered that the Persons employed in that Service desist from any farther Attempt

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to Annatie Baker for Lot Number 18 in Colden Street for 21 Years at £4 P$^{r}$ Ann$^{m}$

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to give his Obligation, to be discounted at the Bank for £100 towards defraying the Expence of erecting a Magazine for Gun Powder

The Treasurer laid before the Board a Deposition of Moses Gomez for a Remission of Quit Rent on a Water Lot & a Deposition of M$^{rs}$ Arison for the like on a Lot of Ground at Pecks; which do not fully come up to [320] the late Order of the Board of the 17$^{th}$ Inst and therefore requested the Directions of the Board relative thereto. Ordered that the Auditors of Acc$^{ts}$ or any two of them with the Treasurer examine their Claims & make them such allowance as they shall conceive reasonable

The Treasurer represented to the Board that he could not compleat the Acc$^{ts}$ intended for publication until he had made a full settlement of his Books & until the same were examined & audited.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Treasurer perfect the settlement of his Books without delay And that Ald$^{n}$ Broome & Bayard and M$^{r}$ Lawrence be a Committee to examine & audit the same & make Report thereof to the Board.

It being represented to the Board that several Persons employed in repairing the Goal were indigent & the Treasury being at present in an exhausted State.

N° 370 issued

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized to give his Note for £100 to be discounted at the Bank in one Month & that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to advance the s$^{d}$ Sum to M$^{r}$ George Janeway for the purpose of paying the s$^{d}$ Persons accordingly.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to attend the Sale of the Ferry to Hobook be directed to advertize the Sale thereof on Wednesday next

[321] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday 31[st] Aug[t] 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>John Broome<br>Ab[m] P. Lott<br>Jer. Wool<br>W[m] Neilson<br>W[m] W Gilbert | Esqr[s] Ald[n] | Dan[l] Phœnix<br>Aert Huysman<br>Tho[s] Ten Eyck<br>Ab[m] Van Gelder<br>Geo. Janeway | Assist[s] |

Ordered that Ald[n] Neilson be added to the Committee appointed to examine and audit the Treasurers Books of Acc[ts]

Ald[n] Broome laid before the Board a Plan, made by John M[c] Comb, one of the City Surveyors, of a new Regulation of Kings Street, which being examined was approved and adopted by the Board and is as follows viz[t]—Beginning at the upper side of M[r] Henry Kipps Lot & thence with a regular descent of five Inches on every ten feet to the lower side of Queens Street & thence with a regular descent to the lower side of Water Street

Ald[n] Broome informed the Board that for the sake of Dispatch as the Season was far advanced he had with the Consent of most of the Inhabitants of the Street [322] ordered the said Regulation to be carried into effect which was in a great Measure already done.

Resolved that this Board do approve & confirm the said Measure of M[r] Ald[n] Broome & Ordered that he with the Assistant of the Ward cause the said Street to be perfected agreably to the said Plan accordingly

A Petition of Ephraim Brasher pray[g] that he may be permitted to convert the fire Engine House in* S[t] George's Square into a Place of Business on his erecting a fire Engine House on his own Ground was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist of the Ward & M[r] Phœnix.

A Petition of Several Inhabitants at Corlaer's Hook & near the Slaughter House praying the Aid of the Corporation in making the Roads in that Quarter; was read

Ald[n] Gilbert reported that he had attended the Sale of the Ferry to Hoboock & that the same was struck off to Sylvanus Lawrence for 3 Years at £37 per Annum.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to him accord[gly]

Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to

* Marginal note reads *At intersection of Pearl & Cherry Streets.*—ED.

pay the follow[g] Persons the follow[g] Sums in full of their respective Acc[ts] audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz[t]

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| N° 371 issued | Sam[l] Ellis for Timber for the Bulkhead in Greenwich Street | | £27: 5:— |
| [323] N° 372 issued | James Shepherd | £18:—:— | for Stone at the North River Wharf |
| | James Berrien | 8:11:— | |
| | Eben[r] Slason | 3:—:— | |
| | | £29:11:— | |
| N° 373 issd | Ab[m] Waglom for Shingles at the Goal | | £16:16:— |
| N° 374 issd | Jn° Simmons for liquor &c | | £3:19:— |
| N° 375 issd | Francis Childs for print[g] | | 1: 1:— |
| N° 376 issd | Dan[l] Carter for glazing Lamps | | £25:13: 6 |

Ald[n] Gilbert & M[r] Van Gelder reported that they had notified the Inhabitants of Greenwich Street of the Order of this Board at their last Meeting relative to Isaac Meads House, & that they would be able to raise by Subscription £60 towards compensating him

M[r] Mead, present & attending the Board, being asked what Sum he would consent to accept of as a full Compensation for his trouble disappointment & expence of removing his Frame & foundation to the proper Line of the Street, answered that he would accept of £150 as a full compensation; Which Sum the Board considering not unreasonable it was agreed that the Corporation would contribute the Sum of £90 which with the s[d] Sum of £60 to be subscribed as aforesaid will make the Sum of £150 as af[d]

N° 377 issued Therefore Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay M[r] Isaac Mead the said Sum of Ninety Pounds accord[gly]

[324] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City *Hall* Sept[r] 17[th] 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Benj. Blagge | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Tho[s] Ten Eyck | Assist[s] |
| Jn° Broome | | Dan[l] Phœnix | |
| W[m] W Gilbert | | Ab[m] Van Gelder | |
| Jer. Wool | | Jon[a] Lawrence | |

Ab[m] Ecker sworn & admitted a freeman of this City & ordered to be registered

The Board proceeded to the appointment of a person in each Ward to preside at, and be the returning Officers of, the ensuing Election of City Officers & of a Place in each Ward at which the said

Election is to be held and the following Persons & Places were appointed viz[t]

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| South Ward..... | John Van Dyck..... | Exchange |
| Dock Ward..... | Richd Ten Eyck..... | Exchange |
| East Ward..... | Jacob Hallet..... | Coffee House |
| West Ward..... | Nichs Bogert..... | Oswego Market |
| North Ward..... | John McComb..... | City Hall |
| Montr Ward..... | Wm Hardenbrook..... | Pecks Slip Market |
| Out Ward..... | Jno Quackenbos..... | Plow & Harrow |

N° 378 issued

Ordered that the Sum of £10 be advanced to Ald[n] Wool towards defray[g] the Expences of convey[g] Francis Reed, charged with a Burglary, from Phil[a] to this City And that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrant accord[gly]

[325] M[r] Mayor informed the Board that he had been waited on by M[r] W[m] Beekman and M[r] Henry Rutgers with a Proposal in behalf of themselves & the other Proprietors of Ground in Cherry Street, East of Catharine Street to widen the said Cherry Street twenty feet provided the Corporation would permit them to extend their Lots so much farther into the River.

Resolved that this Board do accede to the said Proposal.

The Treasurer informed the Board "That at the Request of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell & by the Recomendation of several Members of this Board he had given his Note dated the 7th Instant, to M[r] John Lawrence; payable one Month after Date for £219:1:3 being the Ballance of a Warrant dated the 2[d] May last for £1200 Also his Note dated the 8th Instant to M[r] Willet Seaman payable one M[th] after Date for £200 in part of a Warr[t] which Notes are discounted at the Bank, for the use of the Poor House & Bridewell & the Discount paid thereon will be charged by the said Commissioners in their Acc[t] of Disbursements," Which said Acc[t] of the Treasurer was approved of by the Board & is hereby ratified and confirmed.

On the Application of Alderman Gilbert

[326] Ordered that Permission be given to the Neighborhood of the Corporation Dock at the North River to erect at their own Expence a Bulkhead on the South side of and projecting into the Slip opposite Vesey Street Ten feet; to begin opposite the North West Corner of the Market. & from thence to run out in an exact Line, as far as the first Bridge of the said Dock or thereabouts.

Ordered that Ald[n] Broome & Lott & M[r] Phœnix be a Committee to examine & direct such Repairs as may be necessary to the Wharf & Bridge at Brucklyn Ferry.

The Clerk produced to the Board the Draft of a Release to "the

Corporation of the first Presbyterian Church in the City of New York" of a Parcel of the Ground Rent whereon their New Church is erected—Also the Drafts of Grants of Water Lots to Jacobus Lefferts Archibald Kennedy, Philip Livingston Cary Ludlow Robert Livingston & Edward Nicoll; which were respectively read & approved by the Board & ordered to be engrossed.

[327] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held at the City Hall on Friday the 23d Day of Septr 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abraham P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Danl Phœnix | Assists |
| Jno Broome | | Jonas Lawrence | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Aert Huysman | |

Mr Robert Murray one of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell having signified that by Reason of his advanced Age & bodily Infirmity he could no longer without great Inconvenience attend that Office & therefore prayed that another Person might be appointed in his stead.

Ordered that Mr White Matlock be and he is hereby appointed one of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell in the stead of Mr Robt Murray accordingly.

A Petition of Thomas White, High Constable praying a Compensation for his extra Services was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert Mr Lawrence & Mr Phœnix.

On a suggestion that many of the Inhabitants in the Alms House, who from bodily Infirmity cannot attend Public Worship at Church, were very desirous of having [328] Divine Service performed Weekly in the sd House

Ordered that the protestant Clergymen in this City be requested to comply with the Desire of those indigent Persons accordingly

Ordered that all Orders from the Magistrates to the Keeper of the Bridewell for any of the confined Persons to labor out of Doors on any public Work be preceeded by an Order from this Board.

Ordered that John McComb be appointed on the part of this Board to appraise the Injury to Isaac Clawson's Lott And also the Lott of Leonard Kip in the stead of Henry Kip who declines the Service.

Ordered that Everardus Brower be and he is hereby appointed Inspector of the ensuing Election in the South Ward in the Stead of John Van Dyck who is very sick.

The Committee appointed on the 26th Ult° to examine & audit the Treasurers Books &c delivered in the following Report which was approved by the Board viz[t]

"That they have examined the Treasurers Books which were ballanced agreable to an Order of the Board of the above date to the first of September Instant

That there appears to be due as follows

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| To Nicholas Jones on an unsettled Acc[t] the Debit part not being determined | 49:12:— |
| To John McComb on his Warr[t] for Repairs of the Bridewell | 187: 6: 9 |
| [329] To the Commissioners of the Poor House & Bridewell on an unsettled Warr[t] | 219: 1: 3 |
| To the City of New York on the Am[t] of City Revenues & Lots sold | 5302:14: 8 |
| To the Treasurer on the City Cash Acc[t] | 747:19: 3¼ |
| To the Poor House on the Acc[t] of the last Tax | 568: 5: 0¼ |
| | £7074:19:— |

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| That there is due from the follow[g] Acc[ts] from the Watch & Lamp Acc[t] | 1684:14: 6 |
| d° Roads & High Ways | 243: 3:11½ |
| d° Outstanding Debts as delivered in | 5147: 0: 6½ |
| | £7074:19:— |

Which aforesaid Acc[ts] appear to your Committee to be just & Right

New York 20 September 1785

Jn° Broome
Nicholas Bayard
Jon[a] Lawrence
} Committee

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| N° 1 issued | Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to advance McEwen and Emory on Acc[t] of Repairs to the Roof of the City Hall One hundred Pounds | £100:—:— |
| N° 2 iss[d] | Ordered the like to Augustus Van Cortlandt & John Jay on Acc[t] of Interest on two Bonds | £150:—:— |

Ordered the like to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acc[ts] audited by the Committee & allow[d] by the B[d]

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| N° 3 issued | To Stevens & Hubbell for the use of a large Scow | £20:14:— |
| N° 4 issued | To Jn° Goodeve for Candles | 2:15:— |
| [330] N° 5 issued | To Jeremiah Wool of the Committee for removing old Hulks | 37:17: 2 |

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| N° 6 issued | To David Waldron for repairs Roads..... | £50:19: 3 |
| N° 7 issued | To Henry Shute for D° ..... | 82: 4: 3 |
| N° 8 issued | To Mich[l] Brooks for painting & Glazing at the City Hall ..... | 37:13: 6 |
| N° 9 issued | To John McGarra for paving in front of Peter P Van Zandts Lot in Kings Street by order of Ald[n] Broome & M[r] Phœnix which M[r] Van Zandt refuses to pay.... | 19: 4:11 |
| N° 10 issued | To Andrew Thompson Jun[r] for paving in front of Jn° Cruger's Lot in Smith Street by order of the same which he refuses to pay..... | 18:18: 3 |

Ordered that the Treasurer commence Suits ag[t] M[r] Van Zandt & M[r] Cruger for the recovery of the am[t] of the said two Acc[ts] accord[g] to the Law of this Corporation

[331] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Thursday 29[th] Sept[r] 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

Esq[rs] Ald[n]: Benj. Blagge, John Broome, Will[m] Neilson, Ab[m] P. Lott, W[m] W Gilbert, Jerem[h] Wool, Nich[s] Bayard

Assist[s]: Aert Huysman, Abr[m] Van Gelder, Jon[a] Lawrence, Henry Shute

This being the Day appointed by the Charter of this City for the Election of the several Charter Officers for the ensuing Year, the returning Officers of the respective Wards delivered in their Returns from which it appeared that the following Persons were elected viz[t].

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| South Ward | Jeremiah Wool | Alderman |
| | John Van Dyck | Assistant |
| | Lawrence Burrass, Abraham Van Wyck | Assessors |
| | John Brown | Collector |
| | Elijah Price, William Grinding | Constables |

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| Dock Ward | [332] William Neilson | Alderman |
| | Thomas Ten Eyck | Assistant |
| | John Oothout, Abraham Brinckerhoff | Assessors |
| | William Gilbert | Collector |
| | William Tanner, Benjamin McDowl | Constables |

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| East Ward | John Broome | Alderman |
| | Henry Will | Assistant |
| | Alexander Robertson, James Desbrosses | Assessors |
| | Abraham Van Gelder | Collector |
| | Abraham Van Gelder, James Van Brakel | Constables |

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| North Ward | Abraham P Lott | Alderman |
| | George Janeway | Assistant |
| | William Van De Water, Jacobus Lefferts | Assessors |
| | Aaron Gilbert | Collector |
| | Peter Hulick, John Stagg | Constables |

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| West Ward | William W Gilbert | Alderman |
| | Abraham Van Gelder | Assistant |
| | John Van Cortlandt, Menassah Salter | Assessors |
| | Thomas Le Foy | Collector |
| | Thomas Kennedy, William Willis | Constables |

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| Montgomerie Ward | [333] Benjamin Blagge | Alderman |
| | William Malcom | Assistant |
| | George Codwise, William Newton | Assessors |
| | William Hardenbrook | Collector |
| | John Faulkner, Hugh Montgomerie | Constables |

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| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | Bowery Division | Alderman |
| | Cornelius C Roosevelt | Bowery Division | Assistant |
| | Henry Brevoort, Jacob Harsen | Bowery Division | Assessors |
| | Henry Shute | Bowery Division | Collector |
| | Lewis Andrew Gautier, John Dietz | Bowery Division | Constables |
| | Lawrence Benson, John De Witt | Harlem Division | Assessors |
| | Peter Noostrandt, Adolph Waldron | Harlem Division | Constables |

Resolved that Daniel Phœnix Esq$^{r}$ be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer or Chamberlain of this Corporation for the ensuing Year.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ephraim Brasher reported (verbally) that in their Opinion the granting of the Prayer thereof would not be injurious to the public or any Individual.

Thereupon it was determined that the Board would grant to Ephraim Brasher the fire Engine House in S$^{t}$ George's Square with the Ground it occupies [334] on his conveying to this Corporation an equal quantity of Ground (parcel of the Lot adjoin$^{g}$ the said fire Engine House) and erecting thereon an Engine House equal to the present and that one of the City Surveyors survey it & make Return thereof

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| N$^{o}$ 11 issued | Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay Yellis Gilbert & Sam$^{l}$ Fleming in full of their Acc$^{t}$ as Clerks to the Election in the North W$^{d}$ | £2:—:— |
| N$^{o}$ 12 issued | To John Mercereau as Clerk to the Election in the East Ward ..... | £1:—:— |

[335] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s$^{d}$ City on Wednesday Oct$^{r}$ 5$^{th}$ 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$: Benj. Blagge, Ab$^{m}$ P Lott, Jn$^{o}$ Broome, William Neilson, William W Gilbert, Jerem$^{h}$ Wool, Nich$^{s}$ Bayard

Assist$^{s}$: Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck, Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder, Aert Huysman, Geo. Janeway

A Petition of Thomas Pool praying that he may be permitted to exhibit some Feats of Horsemanship in the Bowling Green; was read & rejected

A Petition of Elizabeth Mesier relative to certain Interruption given to the Ferry Boats at the North River by other Boats & Craft; was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert & Lott & M$^{r}$ Van Gelder

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert Broome & Wool & Mess$^{rs}$ Janeway & Ten Eyck be a Committee to report Means for correcting certain Abuses said to be committed by the Cartmen in purchasing fire Wood

Ordered that eight of the Vagrants in the Bridewell be employed in filling up the Goal Yard.

[336] Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Lott & Bayard and M$^{r}$ Van Gelder be a

Committee to confer with the Regents of the University on the Subject of filling up the Bulkhead in Greenwich Street.

Whereas at a late Court of Oyer & Terminer & Gen[l] Goal delivery held in & for this City & County, Shepherd Grimes one of the Watchmen of this City under the Direction of this Board was tried & convicted of a certain Felony and sentenced to suffer Death; And it appearing to this Board that the former Character and Deportment of the said Shepherd Grimes hath been not only unexceptionable but commendable, And that he hath given Proofs of great Contrition for the said Offence And this Board having confidence in him that he will, if his Life is spared, become a good Subject

Therefore resolved (Ald[n] Wool dissenting) that a Committee be appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor and in the most respectful Manner inform him that it is the Wish of this Board that His Excellency would be pleased to extend the gracious Pardon of the People of this State to the said Shepherd Grimes.

Ordered that Ald[n] Lott & Gilbert and M[r] Janeway be the Committee to wait on his Excellency accordingly

[337] N[o] 13 issued Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance Anthony Post on Acc[t] the Sum of £100 towards Repairs to the Goal.

Ordered the like to pay the follow[g] Persons the follow[g] Sums in full of their respective Acc[ts] audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz[t]

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| N[o] 14 iss[d] | To Joseph Kingsland for making & repairing the Bridges of the Corporation Wharf at the North River..... | £39:16:— |
| N[o] 15 iss[d] | To Jn[o] Stagg & Nich[s] Conrad Constables for conveying John Benson a felon from Staten Island to this City.. | £2:17: 3 |
| N[o] 16 iss[d] | To W[m] Smith for Iron Works to the public Pumps..... | £94:15: 1 |
| N[o] 17 iss[d] | To Ezekiel Crane for repairs to the Exchange Bridge & the Great Dock..... | £23: 6: 6 |
| N[o] 18 iss[d] | To Ab[m] Van Gelder for lighting & cleaning the public Lamps from 26[th] July to 26[th] Sept[r] 2 Acc[ts] for 2 Months ..... | £56:14: 8 |
| N[o] 19 issued | To Nich[s] Bayard Esq[r] for filling up Catharine Slip..... | £70: 1:— |
| N[o] 20 iss[d] | To James Van Brackel for taking an Acc[t] of the Slaves & free Negro's in the E[t] W[d]..... | £2: 8:— |
| N[o] 21 iss[d] | To James M[c]Cullen for 12 Water Tubs for the Goal.... | £4:16:— |
| N[o] 22 iss[d] | To Walter Heyer for Liquors &[c]..... | £5: 4: 6 |

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| N° 23 issd | To Cornelia Blaare for a flag Stone at the Exchange... | £0:15: 9 |
| N° 24 issd | [338] To Thos Gilbert & Jacob Boerom as Clerks at the late Election Dock Ward..... | £2:—:— |
| N° 25 issd | To Everards Brower for the like So Wd..... | £2:—:— |
| N° 26 issd | To Simon Schermerhorn for Ironmongery at the Goal.. | £9:10: 6 |
| N° 27 issd | To Jas Hounam as Clerk of the Election Out Ward..... | £1:—:— |

On a Motion of Alderman Gilbert that the Board proceed to the Consideration of the Fees to be allowed to the Mayor as Clerk of the Market &c It was determined that the Board would convene to Morrow at ½ past 12 OClock to proceed to the Consideration of that Subject & it was ordered that all the absent Members be notified of the Meeting & Business.

[339] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Thursday Octr 6th 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>Abm P Lott<br>Jno Broome<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Wm Neilson<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Alds | Aert Huysman<br>Danl Phœnix<br>Jons Lawrence<br>Abm Van Gelder | Assists |

Whereas a most violent Assault hath last Night been committed on Brockholst Livingston Esqr of this City with Circumstances which evince an Intention of assassinating him

And the Peace of this City requires the greatest Vigilence and Encouragement to discover the Perpetrators or Abettors of this wicked Design And this Board conceive that a Proclamation from the supreme Executive Authority of this State offering a Reward for securing the Offenders would have a Tendency to effect a Discovery

Resolved that this Board will (if his Excellency the Governor should think it proper to issue such Proclamation) chearfully contribute 125 Dollars to be paid to any [340] Person or Persons who shall discover and bring to Justice the Perpetrator or Perpetrators or Abettor or Abettors of the said malignant & dangerous Act

Ordered that Mr Recorder be requested to wait on his Excellency

the Governor and respectfully communicate to him the aforegoing Resolution.

The Board according to Order proceeded to the Consideration of the Mayors Fees &c and after some time spent therein the Board came to the following Determination on the Case viz[t]

That M[r] Mayor continue in the Receipt of the Fees of the Markets & take them to his own Use until the first Day of February next After which Period he shall be allowed at the rate of two hundred & fifty Pounds per Annum out of the Market Fees.

That in future after the expiration of the present Year the Sum of thirty Shillings as formerly shall be exacted for each Tavern Licence out of which shall be allowed to the Mayor & Clerk each Six Shillings.

N° 28 iss[d] Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay the Executors of Charles Crook dec[d] the Sum of £150 on Acc[t] of Interest

And to the following Persons the follow[g] Sums in full of their respective Acc[ts] audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz[t]

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| N° 29 iss[d] | [341] To Embree & Shotwell for Materials furnished & Advances made for the Building at the Alms House* | |
| N° 30 iss[d] | To Isaac Stoutenburgh & C° for a ball[ce] due on an Order from the Corporation dated 24th May 1776..... | £17:16: 0 |
| N° 31 iss[d] | To Tho[s] White & others Constables for apprehend[g] & convey[g] 103 Vagrants to Bridewell @ 4/ each..... | 20:12:— |
| N° 32 iss[d] | To Dan[l] Phœnix for sundry Acc[ts] by him paid for Materials at the Corporation Wharf at the North River | £47: 1:— |
| N° 33 iss[d] | To Elias Burger for repairing 2 Piers at Coenties Dock as p[r] Agreement..... | £200:—:— |
| N° 34 iss[d] | To Dan[l] Phœnix for sundry Acc[ts] by him p[d] for Materials at the Corporation Wharf..... | £23: 2:— |
| N° 35 issued | To Peter Van Alen towards sinking a Well &c in the upper part of Chappel Street agreable to a Petition of the Neighborhood read this Day..... | £5:—:— |

* No amount given.—Ed.

[342] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 14th Day of October 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor &c
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge<br>Abm P Lott<br>Nichs Bayard<br>John Broome<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jer. Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Thos Ten Eyck<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Henry Will<br>Wm Malcom<br>John Van Dyk<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Cornl C Roosevelt — Assists |

Mr Mayor attended by the Recorder, several of the Aldermen, the Sheriff & his Deputies, the City Clerk & the Constables & Marshalls went from the City Hall between the Hours of 11 & 12 to the Exchange & there waited on his Excellency George Clinton Esqr Governor of this State of New York; where in the Presence of his Excellency were administered (by Robert Benson Esqr one of the Commissioners in the Dedimus Potestatem named) to James Duane Esqr as Mayor Water Bailif & Clerk of the Markets of this City the Oath's of Allegiance & of Office as by Law & the Charter of this City are prescribed [343] & directed Whereupon Mr Mayor, attended as aforesaid returned to the City Hall, where after the ringing of three Bells & Proclamation made for Silence the Commission of Mayor &c & the Commission of Sheriff were respectively published And then Mr Mayor attended as aforesaid returned to the Common Council Chamber & being placed in the Chair administered the Oaths of Allegiance & of Office as aforesaid unto the respective Magistrates & other Officers following vizt

Aldn Neilson being absent

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| Benjamin Blagge<br>Abm P Lott<br>Nichs Bayard | John Broome<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jeremh Wool | Esquires Aldn |
| Thomas Ten Eyck<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>George Janeway<br>Henry Will | Wm Malcom<br>Jno Van Dyk<br>Cornl C Roosevelt | Assistants |

Daniel Phœnix Esqr Treasurer or Chamberlain of this Corporation; he having entered into Bond (which the Board approve of) for the due execution of his Office.

Marinus Willet Esqr Sherif of the City & County of New York—only the Oath of Office prescribed by the Charter; he having (as ap-

pears by a Certificate on his Commission) taken the Oath of Allegiance & of Office directed by Law before Mr Chief Justice Morris.

No appointmt in the Office of Coroner } [344] Thomas White high Constable & the following Petty Constables viz[t]

Petty Constables

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| Elijah Price | Abm Van Gelder | Peter Hulik |
| Wm Grinding | James Van Brakel | John Stagg |
| Thos Kennedy | Jno Faulker | |
| Wm Willis | Hugh Montgomery | |
| Lewis A Gautier | John Dietz | Peter Nordstrant |

Assessors

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| Lawce Burrass | John Oothout | Alexr Robertson |
| Abm Van Wyck | Abm Brinckerhoff | Jas Desbrosses |
| Wm Van De Water | Menassah Salter | Geo: Codwise |
| Jacobs Lefferts | Wm Newton | Henry Brevoort |
| Lawce Benson | | |

Collectors

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| John Brown | Wm Gilbert | Abm Van Gelder |
| Aaron Gilbert | Thos Le Foy | Wm Hardenbrook |
| Henry Shute | | |

Whereas it hath been represented to this Board in behalf of Mr Lawrence Embree one of the Commissioners of the Alms House that the Company of Comedians in this City some time since presented him with Forty Pounds for the use of the Poor—that altho' he disapproved of a Donation so circumstanced he thought it his Duty to suffer it to be deposited with him until the Sense of the Magistrates respecting the same could be obtained. Whereupon the Board came to the following Resolution viz[t]

[345] Resolved that it appears that the Play House was opened by the said Company of Comedians without the License or Permission of the civil Authority which in the Opinion of this Board is a Thing unprecedented and offensive.

Resolved that, while so great a Part of this City still lies in Ruins and many of the Citizens continue to be pressed with the Distresses brought on them in consequence of the late War, there is a loud Call to Industry and Œconomy: And it would in a peculiar Manner be unjustifyable in this Corporation to countenance enticing and expensive Amusements. That among these a Play Theatre House however regulated must be numbered, while under no Restraint it may prove a fruitful Sourse of Dissipation Immorality and Vice.

Resolved that the Acceptance of the said Donation, by the Advice

of this Board might authorize a Conclusion that they approved of opening the said Theatre And that therefore it be and it hereby is recommended to Mr Embree to return the same to the Person from whom he received it.

Ordered that the aforegoing Resolutions be published in all the News Papers of this City.

[346] The Season in which fires most frequently happen in this City being approaching Ordered that the Law of this Corporation for the better preventing of Fire be republished in all the public News Papers of this City.

No 36 issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to advance Jno Stagg One hundred Pounds towards the Powder Magazine erecting at Inchlambergh

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Wednesday the 19th Day of October 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Henry Will | Assistts |
| Abm P Lott | | Jno Van Dyk | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Wm Neilson | | Wm Malcom | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Jerh Wool | | | |
| Jno Broome | | | |

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| David Demares | Cartman | Were severally admitted & sworn as Freemen of this City |
| Nathl Guyon | Do | |
| John Bogardus | Do | |
| George Brown | Do | |
| William Post | Do | |
| John Varick | Do | |
| John Montanye | Do | |

Alderman Neilson (who was absent at the last Meeting) appeared & after taking & subscribing the Oaths by Law & the Charter of this City prescribed & directed) took his Seat

[347] Ordered that Aldermen Broome, Neilson & Gilbert & Messrs Ten Eyck & Malcom or any two of them be a standing Committee to audit and settle the Books & Accts of the Treasurer and also all Accts which shall from time be exhibited agt this Board for paymt And that they from time to time report the same to the Board for their approbation

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Lott & Mess$^{rs}$ Janeway & Malcom be a Committee to enquire & report on the expediency of this Board's paying the Tax assessed on their Estate at Brooklin in Kings County in pursuance of the Act of the Legislature commonly called the partial Tax Law

It being suggested to the Board that great Arrears of Rent are due to this Corporation on Lots N$^{o}$ 11 & 12 in Chatham Street possessed by Nich$^{s}$ Jones & N$^{o}$ 24 in Augustus Street possessed by the Heirs of a M$^{r}$ M$^{c}$Gillevry Ordered that a Reentry on the said Lots be made on behalf of this Corporation.

[348] On Motion of Ald$^{n}$ Bayard the Board proceeded to consider what Allowance should be made the Treasurer for receiving & paying the Monies raised by Tax for defraying the public Contingencies of the City & after some time spent thereon the Business was postponed

A Petition of M$^{rs}$ Mary Shaw & a Petition of M$^{rs}$ Ann M$^{c}$Adam praying the Board to appoint Appraisors to join with M$^{r}$ George Stanton appointed on their Part to appraise the Injury done to their respective Lots by the late Regulation of Greenwich Street were read.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ John M$^{c}$Comb be & he is hereby appointed the Appraisor on the part of this Board accordingly

On reading the Petitions of James Van Dyck James Hunt & William De Grove. Ordered that the said James Van Dyck James Hunt & William De Grove be & they are hereby appointed Measurers of Grain in this City.

The Clerk being asked what progress he had made in digesting the Laws of this Corporation & such of the Laws of the State as immediately respected this City & Corporation agreable to the Order of the 6$^{th}$ of April last, informed the Board that for want of competent Law knowledge he could not with safety determine with respect to some of the old Provincial Laws whether in [349] consequence of the Revolution they were or were not repealed & therefore wished that the Recorder or other Law Member might be assigned to aid in the Business. Whereupon M$^{r}$ Recorder was requested to undertake the Business & the Board agreed to make him an ample Compensation for his Trouble.

A Petition of Jacob Morton & Mary S Morton Ex$^{rs}$ of John Morton dec$^{d}$ was read setting forth in substance that as they had received a small Compensation for the Use of their Wharf they could not make the necessary Affidavit to authorize the Treasurer to remit the Quit Rent which became due during the late War agreable to the Order of this Board. But that as the Compensation received was so very small when compared to their great loss of Property & the ruined

Condition of the Wharf & Buildings they pray that the Relief given by the s[d] Order may be extended to them

Ordered that the s[d] Petition be referred to the Auditors of Acc[ts] and that the Treasurer remit so much of the Quit Rent due on the s[d] Lot as the said Auditors shall think reasonable and direct

A Petition of George Codwise & several other Proprietors of Ground near the fire [350] Engine House which this Board lately agreed to exchange with Ephraim Brasher praying that they may be heard, against the granting of the s[d] Engine House with the Ground it occupies, before any further Proceedings be had thereon; was read

Ordered that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted that Wednesday next at 5 O'Clock in the Afternoon in the Common Council Chamber be appointed to hear the Parties by themselves or Council on the subject Matter of the said Petition & that the Clerk serve the Parties with Copies of this Order.

Ordered that Elections be held in the West Ward of an Assessor in the stead of John Van Cortlandt Esq[r] who is excused from serving by reason of his advanced Age & bodily Infirmity And in the Dock Ward of two Constables in the stead of W[m] Tanner & Benj. M[c]Dowl who are excused from serving the former on Acc[t] of bodily Infirmity & the latter as being one of the Fire Men.

On a Representation from the Engineer that the Fire Engine Houses at the College & the Chappel are insufficient & not worth repair Ordered that the Engineer cause new Houses to be built in such Manner as the Ald[n] & Assist of the respective Wards in which they are situate shall direct

[351] Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acc[ts] audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz[t]

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| N° 37 issued | Post & Tippet for Carpenters Work and Materials &c | £212: 5: 2 |
| N° 38 issued | Matthew Rainer for Blacksmiths Work..... | £21: 13: — |
| N° 39 iss[d] | Ja[s] Blackwell for Stone at the New Powder Magazine | £20: —: — |
| N° 40 issued | Andrew Thompson Jun[r] for Mason Work & Materials | £25: 19: 8 |

M[r] Recorder who was requested to Draft a Law relative to the Sale & cartage of Hay & Ald[n] Broome from the Committee for remedying Abuses in the Sale of Firewood respectively delivered in their Reports Whereupon The two following Laws were ordained & passed & ordered to be published viz[t]

"A Law to regulate the landing & sale of Hay within this City"

"A supplementary Law to the Law entitled A Law to regulate the Sale of Fire Wood"

The Clerk produced to the Board a Release executed by Isaac Sears Esq$^{r}$ & Sarah his Wife to this Corporation of a Part of the Ground whereon the Bridewell is erected which being approved of was ordered to be recorded

The Clerk also produced to the Board a Bond under the Seal of this Corporation to M$^{r}$ Sears for the consideration Money in the said Release mentioned & agreable to the [352] Order of this Board of the 20$^{th}$ June last being £167: 16 with Interest @ 5 P C$^{t}$

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor subscribe the said Bond & that the same be delivered to M$^{r}$ Sears accordingly

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 26$^{th}$ October 1785

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>Ab$^{m}$ P Lott<br>Nich$^{s}$ Bayard<br>W$^{m}$ Neilson<br>W$^{m}$ W Gilbert<br>Jer. Wool | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Henry Will<br>Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck<br>Corn$^{s}$ C Roosevelt<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Jn$^{o}$ Van Dyck<br>Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder<br>W$^{m}$ Malcom |

Assist$^{ts}$

The Board according to order proceeded to hear the Petitioners by M$^{r}$ Hamilton their Counsel against the granting of the Ground whereon the fire Engine House is erected in S$^{t}$ Georges Square to Ephraim Brasher & M$^{r}$ Brasher by his Counsel M$^{r}$ Cozine was also heard Whereupon it was ordered that the Consideration of the Subject be postponed until the next Meeting

[353] A Petition of Lion Hart & Abraham Isaacs praying payment for a certain number of Horsemens Buckets by them delivered out at the late fire of Rutgers's Brew House was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Neilson M$^{r}$ Ten Eyck & M$^{r}$ Will.

A Petition of Walter De Grauw praying to be appointed a Repacker of Beef & Pork was read & granted.

Ordered that the s$^{d}$ Walter De Grauw be & hereby is appointed a Repacker of Beef & Pork in this City accordingly

A Petition of Mangel Minthorne praying Compensation for the Injury done to his House on Lot N$^{o}$ 112 in Chatham Street in conse-

quence of a Regulation of the Board of that Street previous to the late War was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert, M$^{r}$ Van Gelder & M$^{r}$ Malcom.

A Petition of Gozen Ryerson praying that the Ferry Stairs at Moores Wharf be repaired was read

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the South Ward direct such Repairs to the said Stairs as they may deem necessary

A Petition of James Van Alen & several others Inhabitants was read setting forth that a Child had been lately bit by a Mad Dog & praying that an Ordinance might be passed [354] for preventing such Misfortune in future Whereupon the follow$^{g}$ Law or Ordinance was passed & ordered to be published viz$^{t}$

"A Law for guarding against the Mischief which may arise from distempered or mad Dogs in this City."

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay the follow$^{g}$ Persons the follow$^{g}$ Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz$^{t}$

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| N$^{o}$ 41 iss$^{d}$ | To Tho$^{s}$ Le Foy & David R Bogert as Clerks of the late Election in the West Ward | £2:—:— |
| N$^{o}$ 42 iss$^{d}$ | To John Beck for sweeping Chimnies at the City Hall & Bridewell | £0:19: 6 |
| | To the follow$^{g}$ Persons (to be included in one Order) for Materials at the North River Dock viz$^{t}$ | |
| N$^{o}$ 43 iss$^{d}$ | John Van Arsdal for Stone | £3:—:— |
| | Nich$^{s}$ Bancker for D$^{o}$ | 2: 8:— |
| | ——— Stillwell for Wood | 10: 3:— |
| | Jacob Rose for Stone | 8:16:— |
| | Henry Ten Eyck d$^{o}$ | 3: 4:— |
| | Jacob Neilson d$^{o}$ | 2:—:— |
| | Henry Ten Eyck d$^{o}$ | 2: 4:— |
| | John Van Arsdal d$^{o}$ | 3:—:— |
| | Philip Servant d$^{o}$ | 39:—:— |
| | Jn$^{o}$ Huff for Wood | 21:16:— |
| | Ab$^{m}$ Snyder for Stone | 11:—:— |
| | Philip Ressler D$^{o}$ | 12:16:— |
| | Henry Thompson D$^{o}$ | 19: 4:— |
| | | £138:11:— |

[355] The Board proceeded to the Consideration of the Allowance or Commission of the Treasurer of this Corporation for such Monies as should come into his Hands from the contingent Tax of the City & County and the Sale of the Corporation Property

Ald$^{n}$ Blagge moved that two P$^{r}$ C$^{t}$ be allowed the Treasurer for receiving & paying out all such Monies as should come into his Hands

& arising from the contingent City & County Tax and the Sale of the Corporation. property. Debates arose & the Question being put on the said Motion it passed in the Affirmative in manner following viz[t]

| for the Affirmative | for the Negative |
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| Ald[n] Blagge | Ald[n] Lott |
| Ald[n] Neilson | Ald[n] Bayard |
| Ald[n] Gilbert | M[r] Malcom |
| Ald[n] Wool | M[r] Janeway |
| M[r] Ten Eyck | M[r] Van Dyck |
| M[r] Will | M[r] Roosevelt |
| M[r] Van Gelder | |

Thereupon Resolved that there be allowed to the Treasurer of this Corporation at & after the rate of two per centum for receiving and paying out the Monies which have come into his Hands from the contingent Tax of the City & County & the Sale of Corporation Property.

[356] City of New York } ss.

At a Meeting of the Mayor Ald[n] & Commonalty of the said City at the Alms House on Monday the 14[th] Day of November 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Benj. Blagge | Thos Ten Eyck |
| Ab[m] P Lott | Ab[m] Van Gelder |
| Jn[o] Broome | Geo. Janeway |
| W[m] W Gilbert | Corn[s] C Roosevelt |
| Jer. Wool | |
| } Esq[rs] Ald[n] | } Ass[ts] |

Last Monday was the proper Day for this Meeting: But the Mayor & Aldermen were engaged in the Business of the Gen[l] Sessions of the Peace & therefore postponed the Meeting until this Day.

Ordered that Ald[n] Broome & Mess[rs] Ten Eyck, Janeway & Roosevelt be a Committee to audit & examine the Acc[ts] of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell.

Ordered that Nicholas Waysal, a disabled Soldier (& Pensioner of the United States) of the Line of this State, be received into the Alms House on his assigning to & empowering the Keeper to receive his Pension and retain thereout the Expences of his Cure & maintenance.

[357] The Committee appointed to examine & audit the Acc[ts] of the Commissioners reported that the amount of the Expenditures of the Alms House since the last Audit is £295:11:7 And that of the Bridewell to £84:14:6½.

Ordered that Aldn Lott & Gilbert and Messrs Van Gelder & Janeway be a Committee to report a proper Place for a Burial Ground for the Alms House & Bridewell

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert be requested to take the Examination of Elizth Newman pregnant with a Bastard Child & now in the Alms House.

The Commissioners produced an Estimate of Necessaries for the Alms House for the ensuing Quarter amounts to £900 & for the Bridewell £300

No 44 issued — Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer for the paymt of the said two Sums to the Commissrs accordingly.

Agreed, by the Board, that the Commissrs do partition off as many Rooms in the Bridewell not exceeds five as they may conceive Necessary for the Confinement of lunatic & mad Persons in the Attick Store

Ordered that Christopher Stymets & Henry Beekman be & they are hereby appointed Inspectors of fire Wood & builds Stone, the former along the Wharf South [358] South of the Corporation New Pier and to the North of Lakes Wharf on Hudson's River; And the latter in conjunction with & in the District to which John Kell is appointed.

The Commissrs reported the Number of Persons in the Alms House to be 301—vizt 63 Men—133 Women—50 Boys—49 Girls—2 Black Men & 4 Black Women

Ordered that the Aldn & Assists of the East & Montgomerie Wards be a Committee to examine into the State of & direct such Measures as may be necessary to the Drain at Burlings Slip.

[359] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 23d Day of Novr 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Benj. Blagge, Wm W Gilbert, Wm Neilson, Nichs Bayard, Abm P Lott, Jer. Wool

Assists: Henry Will, Abm Van Gelder, Wm Malcom, Geo. Janeway

A Petition of Benjamin Palmer praying to lease some of the Common Lands was read & the consideration thereof postponed

A Petition of Philip Minthorne praying that he may be permitted

to erect his Scale for weighing Hay near some of the Wharfs which shall be set apart for the landing of that Article was read & the consideration thereof postponed until the Board fix upon the Wharf's for that Purpose.

A Petition of Emma Burjeau setting forth that in consequence of her Indigence she cannot pay for the digging and paving Gold Street in front of her Lot and therefore [360] praying some Relief in the Premisses; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of Montgomerie Ward

A Petition of John Byvanck George Bowne & about 60 others Inhabitants of this City praying that Burling & Beekmans Slips be filled up to the Line of Burnets Key was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of Montgomerie & the East Wards & Ald$^{n}$ Neilson & Lott.

A Petition of Thomas White high Constable praying a Compensation for his extra Services was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert & Mess$^{rs}$ Malcom & Will.

A Petition of Charlotte Lamb, Daughter of John M$^{c}$Gillevry dec$^{d}$ praying that the Board would order the Improvements on Lot N$^{o}$ 24 in Augustus Street (leased to her s$^{d}$ father) to be sold and that the Monies arising from the Sale (after deducting the Rent due to the Corporation) may be paid to her Use; was read

Ordered that a ReEntry be made on the said Lot—That the Treasurer sell the Improvements and that the Monies arising from the Sale (after deducting the Rent due to the Corporation & the Charges) be paid to the legal Representative of the said Lessee.

[361] A Petition of Elihu Marshall praying to be appointed a Measurer of Boards and Timber was read.

Ordered that he be & he is hereby appointed a public Measurer of Boards & Timber accordingly

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Lion Hart & Ab$^{m}$ Isaacs for payment of Horsemans Buckets lost at the late fire of Rutgers's Brewery reported " that the Petitioners had no legal Claim on this Corporation, the Transaction being before the Evacuation of this City and on the Credit of Individuals " which Report was read & approved by the Board.

A Report of John M$^{c}$Comb, appointed on the part of this Board & Isaac Stoutenburgh on the part of Jacobus Bogert to ascertain the Injury sustained by his Lot in consequence of the widening of Cortlandts Street whereby they agree that the Injury sustained by M$^{r}$ Bogert amounts to One hundred & nineteen Pounds fourteen Shillings. was read

Ordered that a Bond from this Corporation to Mr Bogert for the said Sum with the usual Interest be prepared accordingly

[362] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to advance the follows Sums to the following Persons vizt

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| No 45 issd | To Rinier Skaats for purchasing Wood for this Corporation | £40:—:— |
| No 46 | To Elizabeth Crook for one Years Interest due on Bond | £22:10:— |
| No 47 | To Philena Barnes for the like | £35:—:— |
| No 48 | To Abm Duryee for the like | £31:15: 3 |
| No 49 | To Christopher Colles on Acct of the Water Works agreable to his Petition of this Day | £50:—:— |

And to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts audited by the Committee & allowed by the Bd vizt

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| No 50 issued | Rinier Skaats City Marshall for his Services from 15th Augt last to 15th Inst being 3 Months | £10:—:— |
| No 51 | Ezekiel Crane for Repairs to Whitehall Ferry Stairs | £24:13: 8 |
| No 52 | John Barney for removing dead Bodies buried in Catharine Street by the British Army | £21:12: 8 |
| No 53 | To Abm Van Gelder for taking an Acct of free Negro's & conveying Vagrants to Bridewell | £3:12:— |
| No 54 | To the same for cleaning & lighting City Lamps from 26th Septr to 26th Octr last | £29:12:— |

[363] City of New York } At a Common Council held on Friday Novr 25th 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richd Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Wm Malcom | Assists |
| Abm P. Lott | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Henry Will | |
| Jer. Wool | | Cornt C Roosevelt | |

This being the Anniversary of the Evacuation of this City by the Troops of the King of Great Britain The Board attended by the Sherif & Clerk with the Marshalls & Constables waited on His Excellency the Governor with the Compliments of the City, on the Occasion.

[364] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday Decr 14th 1785

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Wm Malcom |
| Jno Broome | | Cornes C Roosevelt |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Henry Will |
| Nichs Bayard | | Geo. Janeway |
| Jer. Wool | | Jno Van Dyck |
| Abm P Lott | | Thos Ten Eyck |
| | | Abm Van Gelder |

Assists

A Letter of Attorney constituting Danl Phœnix Esqr Attorney of this Corporation for the Purpose of recovering all Debts due & arising on Acct of Rents &c and making Reentry where Default is made in the payment of Arrears of Rent due to this Corporation; was read & approved

Ordered that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Corporation & that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto

[365] Ordered that Aldn Broome & Bayard & Mr Malcom be a Committee to make a proper abstract of the Accts of the Expenditures of this Corporation to be published for the Information of the Public.

A Petition of John Franklin praying a Remission of the Quit Rent on a Water Lot which become due during the late War; and a Petition of Henry Remsen on the like Subject; were respectively read & referred to Aldn Broome & Gilbert & Mr Malcom.

A Petition of David Baldwin and Susannah Baldwin praying that the Board would appoint an Appraisor on their Part (to join with Anthony Post on the part of the Petitioners) to ascertain the Damages sustained by the late Regulation of Greenwich Street was read.

Whereupon Mr Van Gelder moved that the Board proceed to the appointment of an Appraisor accordingly.

Whereupon Mr Malcom moved (which was agreed to by the Board) that a Committee be appointed to confer with the Proprietors of Ground in the Neighborhood of that Street and endeavor to report some Measures for extricating [366] the Board from the Difficulties which have arisen by the late Regulation of Greenwich Street. Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Broome & Messrs Van Gelder Malcom & Janeway be the Committee.

A Petition of Peter P Van Zandt; praying the Grant of the Lot opposite to his House at Burlings Slip; was read & referred to Aldn

Blagge Lott & Broome & Messrs Malcom & Will. And a Petition of the same Person relative to a Piece of Ground parcel of the Commons formerly occupied by Wm Richardson decd was read & referred to Aldn Bayard & Messrs Janeway & Roosevelt.

A Petition of John Tompkins pray to be appointed a Measurer of Lime & of William Wamsley to be appointed a Measurer of Grain; were respectively read & granted.

A Petition of many Inhabitants residing near Burlings Slip praying that no Determination be made by the Board, on the Petition for filling up the said Slip, until the next Meeting & that they may then be heard; was read & granted

[367] A Petition of Samuel Dodge Junr praying to be appointed Harbor Master was read and the consideration thereof postponed

Mr Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from Dr Crosby on the Subject of Midwifery in the Alms House; which was read & referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House to report on.

A Petition of Henry Schomberg for a Lot of Ground on the Commons was read & postponed for further consideration

It being suggested that Henry Shute has not executed the Office of Scavenger according to Agreement it was ordered that he should attend this Bd at their next Meeting.

Ordered that Alderman Gilbert be requested to advance to John Rugar a Pauper ill wth the small Pox such small supply as he in his Discretion shall deem necessary

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay the followg Persons the followg Sums in full of their respective Accts audited by the Committee and allowed by the Board. vizt

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| N. 55 | David Waldron for Repairing the Roads..... | £78:15: 2 |
| N. 56 | Henry Shute Do Do ..... | 64: 2: 6 |
| N. 57 | Rinear Skaats for Conveying Vagrants to Bridewell.... | 11:12:— |
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| N. 58 | William J Elsworth for work done at the Roof of the City Hall, Mending and furnishing Material's for the Engines ..... | 102:10: 7 |
| 59 | Douglass and Curtis, to Service as Clerks at the Election of the Out Ward..... | 8: 0: 0 |
| 60 | Sears and Smith, for Lime & Tiles furnish'd the New Magazine ..... | 99: 2:— |
| 61 | Luke Sullivan for Sawing Wood for the watch..... | 2: 5:— |
| 62 | Henry Tiebouts, two Acct for Paveing Round the Goal Yard, in Dye's Street & Coart House..... | 19:17: 9 |
| 63 | Gerardus Duykink for a Box of Glass..... | 4: 5:— |
| 64 | William Smith for Repairing the Publick pumps from 23 Novr 1782 to Aprill 28 1785..... | 75:15: 4 |

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| N. 65 | John Tucker for Bricks for the New Magazine..... | £125: 0: 1 |
| 66 | Elijah Wedge for one Quarter Cryer, as City Cryer.... | 6: 5:— |
| 67 | John Stagg, the Ballance of his Acct agt the New Magazine ..... | 197: 8: 5 |
| 68 | Henry Birdsel & Co. for Conveying Vagrants to Bridewell ..... | 11:16:— |
| 69 | Abm Van Gelder for Lighting the Lamps from 26 Octr to 26 Novr..... | 29: 5: 4 |
| 70 | Anthy & Joseph Griffiths for Sundry Ship Chandlery furnish the Raising Hulks..... | 47:17: 5 |
| 71 | Hubt Latham for Lamp Oyl..... | 36:19:— |
| 72 | Murry Mumford & Browne for 10 Cask Oyl..... | 93:13: 8½ |
| 73 | Bradford McEuen & Amory, Ballance of their Acct for plummers work done at the City Hall..... | 193:16: 9 |
| 74 | Anthy Post for work done at the Powder House State House New Goal & Engine Houses..... | 228:10: 0½ |
| 75 | Jonathan Lawrence for Materials furnish'd for the Goal | 153: 5: 1 |
| 78 | Sundry Persons for Raising the Hulcks at the Albany pear and the Dock at the North River Vizt | |
| | To Constable Rucker & Co..... | 2:12:— |
| | William Jennings ..... | 13:10:— |
| | Airy Smith ..... | 10:—:— |
| | [369] Philip Servant ..... | 15:—:— |
| | Thompson & Malcom..... | 3: 4:— |
| | John Shepard ..... | 7: 4:— |
| | Gilbert Miller ..... | 6:—:— |
| | Jacob Rose ..... | 8:16:— |
| | Isaac Brower ..... | 60:—:— |
| | Rutger Bleeker ..... | 2:16:— |
| | John Stilwill ..... | 11: 5:— |
| | James Berrian ..... | 16:—:— |
| | Charles Penny ..... | 6:—:— |
| | Peter Simmons ..... | 13:10:— |
| | Charles Penny ..... | 15:—:— |
| | Hutchins Gardner ..... | 3:—:— |
| | Burrows & Furman..... | 11: 8:— |
| | Do Do ..... | 6:—:— |
| | James Hamilton ..... | 9: 1: 6 |
| | Philip Servant ..... | 15:—:— |
| | James Johnson ..... | 1: 3:— |
| | | £236: 9: 6 |
| N. 79 | Bradford, McEuen & Amory for work done at the New Goal ..... | £25:15: 6 |
| 80 | Bradford and McEuen for work done at the City Hall and place of Execution..... | 9:19: 9½ |
| 81 | John Beck for sweeping the Chimnys in the City Hall, New Goal & Bridewell to 14 Decr..... | 4: 2: 6 |

[370] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday Dec[r] 21[st] 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Rich[d] Varick Esq[r] Recorder

Wm W Gilbert
Abm P. Lott
Nichs Bayard
Jerh Wool
} Esqrs Aldn

Geo. Janeway
Jno Van Dyk
Thos Ten Eyck
Abm Van Gelder
} Assists

A Petition of David Barclay prays a Remission of Quit Rent on a Lot of Ground at Pecks Slip was read & referred to the Committee on the Petitions of Jno Franklin & H. Remsen

The Treasurer reports that he has in the Name of the Corporation made a Reentry on Lot No 24 in Augustus Street formerly leased to Edw[d] Cascallon & now in possession of the Heir of Jno McGillevray and that he has disposed of the Improvements on the said Lot to Wm Smith Blockmaker for £80:—:— The Conditions of Sale to the Purchasor being £4 P Ann ground Rent on a Lease [371] of 21 Years from the 1st May last The amount of ground Rent due on the above Lot is £51.

Ordered that a Lease be prepared to M[r] Smith for the said Lot accordingly And that the Treasurer pay the Monies arising from the s[d] Sale (after deducting the Rent due to the Corporation & the Charges of the Reentry & Sale) to Charlotte Lamb Daughter & only Child of the s[d] John McGillevry—the former Order of this Board directs the s[d] Money to be paid to the legal Representative of the said Jno McGillevry to the contrary notwithstanding

The Treasurer also delivered in a State of the Treasury which was read & referred to Ald[n] Gilbert & Messrs Ten Eyck & Malcom to confer with the Treasurer and report a State of the Debts Credits & Revenues of this Corporation & to direct the Treasurer with Respect to the Warrants drawn & which remain unpaid

M[r] Goercké one of the City Surveyors presented to the Board a Plan of the Ground belonging to this [372] Corporation at Inchlam Bergh in which the same is sub divided into Lots

Ordered that the said Plan be referred to Ald[n] Bayard & Gilbert & Messrs Malcom Janeway & Roosevelt for examination & that the Committee report their Opinion of the Manner in which the said Lots may be disposed of for the best advantage of this Corporation

Ordered that the Keeper of the public Magazine do immediately remove all the Gun Powder (except 50 Casks) from the old into the

New Magazine And that Ald$^{n}$ Lott & Mess$^{rs}$ Janeway & Ten Eyck be a Committee to report the quantity of Gun Powder necessary to be from time to time kept in the old Magazine for the accomodation of the Traders in that Article And also a proper Regulation for transporting Gun Powder.

M$^{r}$ Shute attending accord$^{g}$ to Order to account for his Conduct in the Office of Scavenger was heard & his Case was referred to Ald$^{n}$ Broome & Wool & M$^{r}$ Will and also to report [373] their Opinion on the Measures necessary to be taken relative to the Office of Scavenger in future

Ordered that Jn$^{o}$ M$^{c}$Comb be & he is hereby appointed on the part of this Corporation to join Anth$^{o}$ Post on the part of David & Susanna Baldwin to ascertain the Injury sustained by their Lot in consequence of the late Regulation of Greenwich Street.

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting on the Subject of Greenwich Street Report That they have had a Conference with a number of the principal Freeholders interested in the Alteration of Greenwich Street; the Result of which was, that those Gentlemen were of Opinion that the Common Council of the City are legally bound to compleat the intended Plan to the northward of Cortlandt Street And they have furnished the Committee with a Plan shewing the Lots & parts of Lots which will be necessary to widen the Street as it extends to the Southw$^{d}$ [374] of Cortlandt Street together with an Estimate of the value of those Lots: But your Committee can suggest no particular Mode by which the intended Plan can be compleated

W$^{m}$ W Gilbert
Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder
George Janeway
W$^{m}$ Malcom

City of New York } At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday Dec[r] 28[th] 1785

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Rich[d] Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Ab[m] P Lott<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Nich[s] Bayard<br>Jer. Wool | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Ab[m] Van Gelder<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Henry Will<br>James Van Dyck<br>Wm Malcom |
| John Craig<br>James Van Blaricum<br>Joshua Williams<br>John Cunningham | Cartmen | Admitted & sworn freemen of the City & ordered to be registered. |

[375] A Letter from Henry Rutgers proposing to give up a Well & Pump in the Out Ward for public Use, if the Corporation will keep it in repair was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist of the W[d]

Whereas it is found by experience that the Mode now established for auditing the public Accounts against this Corporation is inconvenient & improper Resolved that the present Mode established for auditing the public Accounts be & the same hereby is abolished.

Resolved that three Auditors be annually appointed to audit the public Accounts against this Corporation And that the audit of two of them at least shall be necessary to the passing of any Account at this Board.

Resolved that Ald[n] Broome & Gilbert & M[r] Malcom be the Auditors for auditing & passing the Accounts against this Corporation until the 14[th] Day of October next

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay the follow[g] Persons the follow[g] Sums in full of their respective Acc[ts] viz[t]

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| Isued. | N. 82 | To Casimir Ph. Goerck for Surveying the Commons & Chain Bearers | £45: 2:— |
| Isued. | 83 | To Elias Burger for Building a peir or Bason at the North River | £200:—:— |
| Isued. | 84 | To Joseph Kingsland for Timber Supplyed Elias Burgar for the Bason | £88:19: 1 |
| Isued. | 85 | To Joseph Kingsland for Sundries Timber &[c] Supplyed for the City Hall Bulkhead New Joal & Engine House | £13:11:10 |
| Isued. | 86 | To Robert Boyd Jun[r] for Iron work at the New Goal | £80: 3: 5 |
| Isued. | 87 | To Joseph Montanji for Blacksmiths work Done before the Revolution | £27:17: 1 |

To Sundry Persons for Stone and wood for the Dock at the North River Viz$^{t}$

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| Isued. N. 88 | John Shephard | £3:12:— | |
| | Isaac Brown | 16:—:— | |
| | John Lent | 13: 4:— | |
| | John Huff | 7:10:— | |
| | Burrows & Furman | 13:17: 6 | |
| | Capt Dickson | 6:—:— | |
| | James Berrien | 16:—:— | |
| | Wm Jennings | 4:10:— | |
| | Abm Snethen | 6:—:— | |
| | Danl Underdunck | 5:—:— | |
| | George Berrian | 8:—:— | |
| | Evert Aurson | 7: 4:— | |
| | James Mulliner | 3:12:— | £110: 9: 6 |

And to advance to Andrew Thompson Junr on Acct of Mason Work ..... £350:—:—

[377] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Wednesday the 30th Jany 1786

Present/ Jas Duane Esqr Mayor
Richd Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P. Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| John Broome | | James Van Dyck | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Jer. Wool | | Wm Malcom | |

A Letter from the honble Robt R Livingston Esqr containing proposals to contract wth this Board for conveying fresh Water into this City; was read and referred to Aldn Broome & Wool & Messrs Malcom Janeway & Van Gelder.

Ordered that Aldn Bayard be excused from his Attendance on the Committee for disposing of the Corporation Lands & that Ald Broome be appointed in his stead

Ordered that the Treasurer let out Bedlows Island to a suitable Person who will keep it agreable to the original Intention of the Corporation

[378] A Petition of Philip Smith for a Lease of the Angle of Ground by the New Goal was read & rejected.

A Petition of George Lindsay praying a speedy Determination of the Board on the Regulation of Greenwich Street as he is anxiously waiting with his Materials to erect a House in Crown Street and is

at a loss to know which way he is to place the front of his House; was read & referred to the Committee on Greenwich Street.

A Petition of Ebenezer Windship praying that he may be exempt from the Law for regulating the slaughtering House & that he may be indulged in killing his own Cattle at his own House; was read & rejected.

On reading a Petition of James Robinson Ordered that he be & hereby is appointed a Measurer of Boards & Timber

A Letter from Josiah Hornblower to Mr Aldn Bayard containg a Claim on this Corporation of £12 for coming at the request of the to survey & give his Opinion on the Reservoir & Engine of the Water Works erecting by Mr Colles previous to the Revolution was read & referred to the Auditors of Accts

[379] A Petition of the Devisees of David Provoost decd praying a Grant of one fourth part of the Water Lot in front of the House & Lot of Ground of Peter P. Van Zandt at Burlings Slip; was read & referred to the Committee on the Petition of Peter P. Van Zandt

A Petition of Elijah Wedge & Isaac Peffer offering themselves as Scavengers for the East & Montgomerie Wards; was read & referred to Aldn Lott & Messrs Van Gelder & Will.

The Committee to whom was referred the Case of Isaac Shute late Scavenger report "That they are persuaded the Streets of this City have not been kept as clean as they ought to have been that one great Cause of that Omission has been owing to the Importance of the undertaking & the Surcharge of Business consequent thereon. That it appears to the Committee from Vouchers produced by the said Scavenger that he has expended very considerable Sums of Money in the prosecution of that Business: from which it appears to the Committee that he has not been guilty of [380] that Degree of voluntary Neglect which has been apprehended by many And as the only Mode prescribed in the Law for regulating the Scavenger's Conduct is that of a Fine in case of Delinquency which your Committee are informed has been repeatedly inflicted They are for these Reasons of Opinion that this Board is bound in good faith to pay Isaac Shute the aforesaid Scavenger the amount of his Salary agreable to the Tenor of their Contract with him; And that he ought to be paid accordingly; which is nevertheless submitted by

Jany 30th 1786.

Jno Broome
Jeremh Wool } Committee
Henry Will

Which said Report was read and agreed to by the Board.

N° 89 iss^d Ordered that M^r Mayor issue his Warr^t on the Treasurer to pay Ab^m Fincher out of the Poor Money, towards the support of himself & family the Sum of Six Pounds.

[381] Ordered the like to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acct^s audited & allowed by the Board

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| N 90 | To John M^cComb for Services as Surveyer..... | £29: 8:— |
| 92 | D° Barnt Martling for filling up the wharf at the North River ..... | 66: 5: 3½ |
| 93 | D° Abraham Van Gelder for Lighting the Lamps from 26^th Nov^r 1785 to 26 Jan^y 86..... | 59: 2: 8 |
| 94 | D° Hulick, Stagg & Brasier for Conveying Vagrants to Bridewell ..... | 10: 1:— |
| 95 | D° John Heron for Carting Stone from the Old Slip... | 3:18:— |
| 96 | D° Andrew Thompson's Acc^t for Stone..... | 11:14:— |
| 97 | D° Henry Shute for work on the Road..... | 7:16: 6 |
| 98 | D° Elijah Wedge for 1 Quarter as Public Cryer..... | 6: 5:— |
| 99 | D° John M^cCombe for work at the Execution House... | 6: 0: 2 |
| 100 | D° James Campbell & Nich^s Conradt for Conveying Vagrants to Bridewell..... | 2:11:— |

[382] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday feb^y 4^th 1786

Present/ James Duane Esq^r Mayor
Rich^d Varick Esq^r Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>John Broome<br>Will^m W Gilbert<br>Jer. Wool | } Esq^rs Ald^n | Tho^s Ten Eyck<br>Ab^m Van Gelder<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Henry Will | } Assist^s |

M^r Recorder presented to the Board the several Laws of this Corporation which agreable to their Request he had revised & corrected; Several of which said Laws were examined by the Board & the residue were left to be taken up at a future Meeting

N° 101 iss^d Ordered that M^r Mayor issue his Warr^t to the Treasurer to pay John M^cGarra in full of his Acc^t for paving in front of Patrick M^cLot the Sum of £26:11:4½

Ordered that John Cozine Esq^r be & he is hereby appointed an Attorney on behalf of this Corporation & that the Clerk prepare a Letter or Power of Attorney to him accordingly

[383] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House of the sd City on Monday the 6th Day of Feby 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Geo. Janeway | Assists |
| Jno Broome | | Henry Will | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Jer. Wool | | Abm Van Gelder | |

Ordered that Aldn Broome & Gilbert & Mr Ten Eyck be a Committee to examine & audit the Accts of the Commissrs of the Alms House & Bridewell.

The Board proceeded to visit & examine the two Institutions which appeared to be properly conducted & in good Order

The Committee appointed to examine & audit the Accts of the Commissrs reported that they appeared to be regular & just & that for the last Quarter the Amt £1870: 17: 9

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue Warrants on the Treasurer to pay Saml Dodge the Sum of 40/ to compensate a Woman for supporting Fred. Leopold a Pauper to Mary Sickerson [384] Hester Page, Duncan McMullen, Mary Gillam & the Wid Harris each 40/ towards the support of their indigent families And to each of the Aldermen the Sum of Five Pounds to be applied towds the support of such indigent families as they may find in their respective Wds

An Estimate of the Commissioners for the support of the Alms House & Bridewell for the ensuing Quarter was read & approved vizt

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| For the Alms House | £900: —: — |
| for the Bridewell | 300: —: — |
| | £1200: —: — |

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer for the payment of the sd Sums to the Commissrs accordingly

Aldn Broome from the Committee to whom was referred the Proposals of the honble Robt R Livingston Esqr for supplying the City with Water, delivd in a Report on the Subject which was read & the consideration thereof postponed until the next Meeting.

Aldn Broome also presented to the Bd Proposals for the same Purpose which he recd from Saml Ogden Esqr which were also read.

[385] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday the 15[th] feb[y] 1786

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Ab[m] P Lott | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Thos Ten Eyck | Ass[ts] |
| John Broome | | Henry Will | |
| W[m] Neilson | | Geo. Janeway | |
| W[m] W Gilbert | | Ab[m] Van Gelder | |
| Jer. Wool | | Ja[s] Van Dyck | |

The board proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Subject of supplying the City with Water.

Whereupon it was agreed & ordered that it be advertized that this Board will receive Proposals, for the above Purpose to be delivered at the Clerks Office on or before the 1[st] Day of January next & that the several Proposals which had been presented to the Board should be returned to the respective Persons who had presented them.

[386] An Estimate of the Sums required to defray the Contingencies of this City the ensuing Year viz[t]

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| Poor House | | | £4800:—:— |
| Watch. Consisting of a Cap[t] & 28 Men at £32:4 p Week | | £1674: 8:— | |
| Supplying the Same with wood & Cand[ls]. | | 50:—:— | 1724: 8:— |
| Lamps. Suplying 450 with Oil 16 Days in Each Month 20 Gall: p Day 3840 Gall: 122 bb[l] @ £5:8 | | £658:16:— | |
| Lighting & Cleaning £30 p M[th] | | 360:—:— | |
| Repairing Old & furnishing New Lamps | | 250:—:— | |
| M[r] Van Gelders Salary | | 65:—:— | 1333:16:— |
| Bridewell | | | 1600:—:— |
| Pumps & Wells | | | 200:—:— |
| Roads | | | 300:—:— |
| Goal. Supporting Prisoners | | | 300:—:— |
| General Ellection | | | 50:—:— |
| | | | £10308: 4:— |

Was read & approved by the Board. Whereupon it was Ordered that Ald. Broome & Gilbert & Mess[rs] Ten Eyck Janeway & Will be a Committee of this Board to wait on the Representatives of this City & County in the Legislature to procure an Act to enable the raising of the said Sum by Tax on the Estates Real & Personal within this City accordingly

The Treasurer according to order deliv$^{d}$ in an Acc$^{t}$ of Receipts & Expenditures, which was read & approved by the Board & ordered to be published for the Information of the Citizens.

[387] The Board taking into Consideration that the Time of the Members is so fully taken up in the several Duties of *of* their respective Offices as not to enable them to devote so much of their Time as might be required to investigate & determine on the several Petitions which have been preferred by Persons who conceive themselves aggrieved by being assessed in the Tax for raising £100,000, Determined to represent this Matter to the Legislature & praying to be relieved from the execution of that Business And it was ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder Ald$^{n}$ Neilson & M$^{r}$ Ten Eyck be a Committee to prepare & report a Draft of such Representation accordingly

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert Broome & Neilson & Mess$^{rs}$ Malcom & Van Gelder be a Committee to consider of & report what Alterations are necessary to the Law for regulating Streets in the burnt parts of the City.

[388] The Committee appointed to consider of & report the best Means for disposing of the Common Lands of this Corporation in the Out Ward reported as their Opinion.

" 1$^{st}$ That the center Road shall be 100 feet wide instead of 66 feet as the same is laid down.

2$^{d}$ That a part of the Lots laid out on the new Map be sold in fee simple if a reasonable Price can be obtained

3$^{d}$ That an Advertizement of such intended Sale be published requesting such as may incline to purchase to make their Proposals to the Treasurer.

4$^{th}$ That the Claims of Individuals on the Common Lands of the Corporation be amicably adjusted by agreeing w$^{th}$ the adjacent Proprietors who have intruded upon those Commons to submit the final Establishment of the division Lines to experienced and disinterested Commissioners whose Determination shall be conclusive That the Corporation offer the Proprietors to unite with them in procuring a Law for the above purpose."

Which Report was read and agreed to by the Board.

[389] M$^{r}$ Chancellor Livingston & M$^{r}$ John Lawrence appeared at the Board and at their Request were heard on the Subject of their Proposals & the Order of the Board for advertizing & postponing the Consideration of supplying the City with Water until the first of January next

Whereupon Ald$^{n}$ Broome moved to reconsider the Period fixed for receiving Proposals; which was agreed to.

M$^{r}$ Recorder then moved that instead of the first of January the first of Nov$^{r}$ be the Period; which was carried in the Negative.

M$^{r}$ Van Dyck then moved that the 15$^{th}$ August be the Period; which was also carried in the Negative.

Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert then moved that the 20$^{th}$ April next be the Period which was carried in the Affirmative

Thereupon ordered that the said Order of this Board be amended accordingly

N$^{o}$ 102 iss$^{d}$ Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to advance W$^{m}$ Smith the Sum of £50 on Acc$^{t}$ of Repairs to Wells & Pumps.

N$^{o}$103 iss$^{d}$ The like to pay John Alsop Esq$^{r}$ the Sum of £325 on Acc$^{t}$ of Interest.

[390] The like to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ viz$^{t}$

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| N. 104 | To Bissit Weeks for Mason Work at the City Hall & Exchange Bridge | £56:13: 9 |
| 105 | John Goodeve for a Box of Candles | 3: 7: 8 |
| 106 | James Hill for Mending Lamps | 23:18:— |
| 107 | Daniel Carter for D$^{o}$ | 7: 6:— |
| 108 | Rynier Skaats for Services as City Marshall | 10:—:— |
| 109 | Henry Birtsell for Conveying Vagrants to Bridewell | 4: 7:— |
| 110 | John Graham for repairing Lamps | 68: 7:— |

Ordered that the following Persons be & they are hereby appointed Fire Men of this City during the pleasure of this B$^{d}$

Engineers

William J. Elsworth
John Stagg
Francis Bassett
Isaac Mead
John Quackenbos

Hook & Ladder Men

Company N$^{o}$ 1.
- David Coutant
- Edward Lowrier
- John Vernon
- Gilliaum Cornell
- Jacob Abramse
- Edward Patten
- Christian Stamler
- Thomas Underhill
- Anthony Abramse
- Abraham Schenck
- Thomas Skaats
- Rinier Skaats
- Dan$^{l}$ Fagan

Co N$^{o}$ 2.
- William Wright
- Timothy Russel
- Christopher Halsted
- George Diederich
- Tho$^{s}$ Lubbary
- John Hacbain
- Dan$^{l}$ Lawrence
- Sam$^{l}$ Carmen
- James Russel
- William Wright
- Matthew Bird
- Henry Rogers
- David Rosette

[391] Engine Men

Engine N. 1

Benjamin Birtsell
Thomas Ash
James Tylee
Peter Demilt
John Buskirk
Richard Davis
Jurden Lawrence
John Van Varick
Theodorus Deforest
William Carman

N. 2.

Jotham Post, foreman
Jacamiah Ackerly
Fredrick Shober
Daniel Kingsland
John Simpson
John Titus
Peter Shop
John De Groot
William Nicols
Pelick Seamons

N. 3.

Guillian Varick, foreman
Bartholomew Skaats
William Covenhoven
Gerard Smith
Jacob Brower
John Kemper
John De Le Montanjie
William Van Dolsam
John Henry
George Gozman

N. 4

Silvester V: Buskirk
John Pearse
Thomas Bruen
John Philips
Elbert Anderson
Burger Van De Water
William Hunt
John Van Voorhis
Elias Stillwel
John Houseman

N. 5.

Fredrick Eackart
George Peck
Garret Van De Water
William McKinny
Peter Thompson
John Cole
Abraham Eackart
William Remmey
Nicholas Hillman
Caleb Pell

N. 6

Abraham H Martlings, foreman
William Day
Joseph Smith
William Jennings
Conradt Heasner
Thomas Campbell
Valentine Vaughn
Jacob Day
Joseph Smith Junr

[392] N. 7

John Post
Jacob Tabley
James Townsend
Thomas Hazard
Elijah Cock
Anthony Ford
John Day
John Smith
William Mooney
William Dean
Stephen Coles
Jacob Smith
Abel Hardenbrock

N. 8

David Morris
Henry Spingler
Anthony Brown
James Quackenbos
Dowe Talmen
David Van Derbeck
Isaac Sherdewine
Abraham Brevoort
Phillip Smith

N. 8—*Continued*

Christopher Fegenhan
Isaac Austin
John Rose
Fredrick Mabie
Andrew Cole
Abraham Riker
Charles Hedenburg

N. 9

Edward Doughty
John Betts
John Clark Junr
John Doughty
Samuel Doughty
Abraham Bond
Henry Bausher
Charles McLain
John Anderson
Jacob Cushun
Moses Egbert
James Stewart
Andrew Ten Eyck
Richard Ten Eyck
Thomas Burns
Daniel Barbie
Nathan Strong
John Astin

N. 10

Gabriel Furman, foreman
Garret Peterson
Gideon Kastang
Aaron Dow
Josiah Furman
Jacob Tier
Peter Balmer
Garret Quackenboss
Fredrick Gants
John Faulk
John Odel
James Miers
Oliver Hubbs
Leonard Fisher
James Balmir
John Binkes
Richard Furman
Andrew Thompson
James Renolds

N. 10—*Continued*

William Collister
John Hogelandt
Valentine Tatler
James Hawkins

[393] N. 11

Daniel Ten Eyck
Evert Wessells
Jacobus Quick
Andrew Myers
William Myers
Adam Keyser
Abraham Ten Eyck
James Moore
Henry Sickles
Samuel Wessells
Gerardus Burger
Joseph George
William Brown
Benjamin Shepherd
John Murray
James McCullen
Moses Smith
John Devine
John Young
John Nicolls
Jacob Morris
Joseph Corree
Augustus Sidell

N. 12

Henry Riker
John Brovoort
Thomas Franklin Jur
John Seagar
Robert Johnson
Donald McKay
Henry Titus
Willett Seaman
Jacob Seaman
John Gassner
Joseph Stringham
Jonathan Dickinson
John Walter
Andrew Merrell
John Webb
Abraham Pulhamus
Thomas Stagg

N. 12—*Continued*

Burling Martin
Mathias Warner
John Aurther
Henry Mitchell
John Evans
Enoch Carter
Daniel Hitchcock

N. 13.

William Bockee foreman
Victor Baker
Ezekiel Robins
William Post
John Young
Richard Norwood
William Shotwell
Thomas Warner
Cornelius Bicker
James Woodward
Walter Hyer
Richard Penfold
Adolph Degrove
John Lawrence
Thomas Saunders
George Archeart
John Alstine
William Smith Jur
James Lent
Nicholas Carmer
James Beekman
William Allen
Henry Bicker
John Smith

[394] N. 14.

Capt Jacobus Bogart
Jacob Resler
Abraham Brower
Bissit Weeks
Isaac Vardenburg
John Ritter
Burget Shellhouse

N. 14—*Continued*

Ernest Awick
Marmaduke Earl
Peter Lawrence
Francis Moore
Michael Nestel
Thomas Lincker
John Kiersted
Valentine Shemeal
Medcef Eden
John Baldrige
Morris Earle
James Blanchard
Abraham Delamater
Samuel Johnson
George Garland
John Carrow
Cornelius Van Alen

N. 15

Ahasuras Turk
George Warner
Alexander Hosack
John Buxton
Charles Bush
Christian Schultz
Abraham Anderson
William Ellison
Jonas Colong
Cornelius Warner
Garret Walgrave
George Walgrave
John Mowatt
John Mildeberger
Stephen Rose
Peter Garbrance
Samuel Walgrave
James Kip
George Smelzel
Joshua Jones
Charles Warner
Robert Carter
Thomas Barrow
George Webster

[395] City of New York } At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday feb[y] 22[d] 1786

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Rich[d] Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Ab[m] P Lott | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Ab[m] Van Gelder | Assist |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | Henry Will | |
| Wm Neilson | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Corn[s] C Roosevelt | |
| Jer. Wool | | | |

The Board proceeded to the appointment of a Commissioner of Excise for the ensuing Year

Thereupon Resolved that William W Gilbert Esq[r] be & he is hereby appointed Commissioner of Excise for this City & County for the ensuing Year

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treas-
N° 111 iss[d] urer to pay Embree & Shotwell the Sum of £135:17:7 in full of their Acc[t] for Repairs to the Alms H[s] & Bridewell

N° 112 iss[d] And the Sum of £11 to John Meserol for taking 5½ Scow Load of Mud out of the fly Market Slip.

[396] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Monday feb[y] 27[th] 1786

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Will[m] Neilson | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Geo. Janeway | Assist[s] |
| Wm W. Gilbert | | Jn° Van Dyck | |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | Ab[m] Van Gelder | |
| Jer. Wool | | Tho[s] Ten Eyck | |
| John Broome | | Henry Will | |
| Benj. Blagge | | Corn[s] C Roosevelt | |

A Draft of a Petition from this Board to the Legislature was presented by M[r] Recorder praying "that the Quorum necessary for holding the Courts of Gen[l] Sessions of the Peace & Mayors Court or Common Pleas in this City & County may be lessened—that the Aldermen may be relieved from trying Causes under the Act commonly called the £10 Law, by the appointment of a distinct Tribunal for that Purpose; And that this Board may be relieved from enquiring into & deciding on the Petitions of the several Persons who conceive

themselves aggrieved by being assessed in the Tax commonly called the partial Tax & that Commissioners may be appointed for that purpose." which was read & approved of by the Board

[397] Ordered that the said Petition be engrossed and that Mr Mayor sign & present the same on behalf of this Board.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assists of Montgomerie & the Out Wards be a Committee to consider of and report on the expediency of an Application to the Legislature for a Law to compel the filling up of the Lots, commonly called the Meadows situated partly in the said two Wards, & thereby to prevent their becoming a Nuisance very dangerous to the Health of the Inhabitants.

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| No 113 issd | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay Aldn Gilbert the Sum of thirty four Shillings for so much by him advanced for the Support of John Rugar a sick Pauper..... | £1:14:— |
| No 114 issd | The like to pay Gerards Burger the Sum of £116:18:1 in full of his Acct for Iron Work to the Corporation Wharf at the No River | |
| No 115 issd | The like to pay Geo. Lindsay for two Accts of cut & hearth Stones ..... | £16:12: 3 |
| No 116 issd | The like to pay Isaac Shute late Scavenger in full of his Services ..... | £75: 0:— |

[398] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 15th March 1786

Present/ Jas Duane Esqr Mayor
Richd Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Jno Van Dyke | Assists |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Wm Neilson | | Henry Will | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Benj. Blagge | | Abm Van Gelder | |

On reading the Petitions of Andrew Hageman & Joseph Benninger.

Resolved that no Measurers or Cartmen ought to be appointed but in case of Vacancy

A Petition of James Campbell to be appointed Inspector of Sole Leather was read & rejected

On reading a Petition of Isaac Shute for a further Compensation for his Services as Scavenger.

Resolved that the Sum of £75 ordered to be paid him at the last Meeting of the Bd was & be considered as in full Compensation for his Services as Scavenger.

[399] Ordered that the Clerk publish an Advertizement that any Person or Persons disposed to exercise the Office of Scavenger in any of the Wards that they make their Proposals to the Alderman of the Ward to be laid before the Board

A Petition of Richard Yates & John Reade Ex$^{rs}$ of Lawrence Reade dec$^{d}$ praying a Remission of Rent due on a Lot of Ground was read & referred to the Treasurer.

Complaint being made to the Board by Silvanus Lawrence Lessee of the Ferry to Hobook that the Ferry is very much interrupted by the lying of Boats at the Ferry Stairs

Ordered that the Dock Master prevent any Boats or Craft from lying at or occupying the said ferry Stairs & that the same be kept clear for the sole Use of the ferry Boats

A Petition of Duncan Campbell pray$^{g}$ to be appointed a joint Inspector of fire Wood at Beekmans Slip was read & granted.

Ordered that he be & he is hereby appointed accordingly.

A Petition of Dan$^{l}$ Dunscomb & several others praying that a Committee may be appointed to regulate Mulberry & Mall Streets in the Out Ward was read.

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of the Out & Montgomerie Wards be a Commitee to regulate the said Streets & report the same to this Board

[400] M$^{r}$ Mayor requested an explanation of the Resolution of this Board of the 6$^{th}$ of Oct$^{r}$ last respecting his Fees of Office.

Whereupon it was resolved unanimously that the Allowance made to him out of the income arising to the Corporation by Charter for the Privilege of keeping a Tavern within this City was & is intended as a Gratuity to the Mayor from the Corporation exclusive of a quantum meruit for his Services from the Tavern-keepers.

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| N$^{o}$ 117 | Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder in full of his Acc$^{t}$ for lighting Lamps from the 26$^{th}$ Jan$^{y}$ to 26$^{th}$ feb$^{y}$ last | £30: 2: 8 |
| N$^{o}$ 118 | The like to pay Elias Burger for repairs to Beekmans Slip Wharf ..... | £3: 12: — |

[401] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 22d Day of March 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richd Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Jno Broome | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| Benj. Blagge | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Jno Van Dyke | |
| Jer. Wool | | Henry Will | |
| Nichs Bayard | | | |
| Wm Neilson | | | |

Aldn Broome from the Committee for the Purpose appointed reported the Dr of a Memorial to the Legislature for amending the Law to regulate the Streets in the burnt parts of the City And also the Dr of a Bill for the Purpose which were respectively read & approved of by the Board Ordered that the said Petition be engrossed & sealed with the Seal of this Corporation and that Mr Mayor sign & present the same together with the said Dr of a Bill on behalf of this Board

The Aldn of the respective Wards reported that they had received Proposals from several Persons for executing the Office of Scavenger in the several Wards & that they would respectively undertake the Business on the Corporation's paying them the following Sums [402] for the following Wards viz

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| South & Dock Wards | £30:—:— |
| East Ward | 30:—:— |
| Montgomerie Ward | 30:—:— |
| West Ward | 20:—:— |
| North Ward | 20:—:— |
| Total | £130:—:— |

Which said Proposals were severally approved of & agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Names of the several Contractors be reported to the Board at the next Meeting that they may be appointed accordingly

A Letter from Messrs Nichs Cruger & Antho W. White with proposals to remove the Dirt & Filth which may be collected in the several Streets of this City was read

Ordered that the said Gentlemen be informed that their Application is too late; & that the Board have determined to appoint a Scavenger for each Ward.

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the

City of New York in Common Council convened & it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that the following Law & Ordinance of this Corporation be established & published & to continue & remain in full force & virtue for one Year from & after the Date hereof viz[t] "A Law to regulate the paving the Streets & to prevent "Nusances within this City."

[403] The Treasurer, to whom was referred the Cases of Jacobus Van Zandt & the Executors of Lawrence Reade dec[d] relative to an abatement of Quit Rent, reported a State of Facts; which were read & referred to the Auditors of Accounts.

Ordered that the Ald[n] & Assist[t] of the South Ward examine & report the Repairs necessary to the Fire Engine House near the Fort.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday the 29[th] Day of March 1786

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Rich[d] Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Cornes C Roosevelt |
| Jno Broome | | Thos Ten Eyck |
| Nichs Bayard | | Geo. Janeway |
| Jer. Wool | | Henry Will |
| Abm P. Lott | | Jno Van Dyke |
| Benj. Blagge | | Abm Van Gelder |

[404] Assize of Bread. Ordered that the Assise of all loaf Bread baked & sold in this City be as follows viz[t]

A wheaten Loaf of fine Flour @ 20/ p[r] C W[t] to weigh 2½ lb for 7 Coppers And 1 lb 2½ Oz[s] for 4 Coppers.

Ordered that Stephen Hitchcock (vice Tobias Van Zandt resigned) and Joseph Donaldson (vice Matthew Wool resigned) be & they are hereby appointed Measurers of Grain &[c]

A Petition of Robert Murray relative to the Quit Rent & Wharfage of his Water Lot & Wharf at the West End of Burnets Key was read & rejected.

A Petition of Francis I'Ans as Attorney of Nich[s] Fletcher praying that the Monies arising from the Sale of the Improvements on Lots N[o] 19 & 20 in Augustus Street after deducting the Amount of the Rent due may be paid to him for the use of the s[d] Nich[s] Fletcher; was read & referred to the Treasurer to report on.

A Petition of Winant Van Zandt praying a Grant of the Soil under Water opposite to his Lot fronting the East River between

the Ferry Stairs & Burlings Slip, on the like Conditions with [405] those granted to others in that Neighborhood And Petitions of Robert Livingston Leonard Lispenard & John De Lancey praying additional Grants into the East River in front of their respective Lots between the Whitehall Slip & Moores Street; were respectively read & referred to the Treasurer to report on

A Petition of great number of respectable Inhabitants praying that the Street at the Coffee House* may be altered & improved was read & referred to the Aldn & Assists of the East & Dock Wards & Mr Janeway

Aldn Wool reported that he had examined the fire Engine House near the Fort and that the same appears to be [in] so ruinous a Condition as not to be worth repair.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Ward direct a new House to be built of Timber & Boards in the most œconomical manner.

Ordered that the following Persons be & they are hereby appointed Scavengers for the follows Wds vizt

Egbert Steenbrick for the So Ward
John Roe for the Dock Wd
Elijah Wedge for the East Wd
Wells for the Wt Ward
Wright Carpenter for the North Wd
Isaac Peffer for Montgomerie Wd

And that they respectively enter into Bond at the Clerks Office for the due execution of Office.

[406] Aldn Broome & Gilbert two of the Auditors of Accts reported that they were of Opinion that Jacobus Van Zandt ought to have a remission of Rent allowed him from the 1st May 1776 to the 24th Novr 1783 notwithstands the partial payments to him made and particularly mentioned in his Affidavit lodged with the Treasurer.

Ordered that the Treasurer remit so much of the Rent due from Mr Van Zandt accordingly

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accounts vizt

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| N. 119 | To Joseph Beck for sweeping the Chimneys of the Gaol Bridewell & City Hall..... | £4: 4:— |
| 120 | Elias Burgar for Sinking a Block and repairing the Stairs at Brooklin ferry..... | 73:—:— |
| 121 | Evert Arison for 2 Load Stone at North River..... | £7: 4:— |
| 122 | William Smith for Blacksmiths work done at the Public pumps ..... | £17:19:10 |

* Marginal note reads *Wall Street.*—ED.

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| N. 123 | Matthew Rayner for making New and repairing Lamp Irons | £18: 9: 3 |
| 124 | Murry. Mumford & Co. for 10 bls Lamp Oil.. | £79:19: 5 |
| 125 | David Waldron for repairing Kings Bridge | £6:15:— |
| 126 | William Heyer for Ironmongory to repair & alter the Court Room | £26: 1: 8 |

[407] Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council Convened and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same, That the following Laws and Ordinances of this Corporation be and they are hereby Established Published and to continue and remain in full force and virtue for one Year from and after the Day of the Date hereof Viz[t]

N° 1 A Law for the due Observation of the Lords Day called Sunday
N. 2 A Law to prevent Abuses in the Sale of Building Stone
N. 3 A Law to regulate the pay of public Measurers within this City
N. 4 A Law to regulate the Landing & Sale of Hay within this City
N. 5 A Law for the better preventing of Fire
N. 6 A Law to regulate the Office of Chamberlain or Treasurer of this City
N. 7 A Law relative to the Admission of Freemen
N. 8 A Law to appoint Surveyors for this City
N. 9 A Law to regulate the Sale of Fire wood in this City
N. 10 A Law for the better securing this City from the Danger of Gun Powder
N. 11 A Law to Establish & regulate the Public Slaughter House within this City
N. 12 A Law directing the Uses of the public Seals of this City
N. 13 A Law to regulate the public Markets within this City and to prevent the forestalling of Provisions
N. 14 A Law to regulate the Sale of Bread
N. 15 A Law to regulate the paving the Streets & to prevent Nuzenses within this City
N. 16 A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen within this City
[408]
N. 17 A Law
N. 18 A Law directing the Mode of Recovery and Appropriation of the fines Penalties & Forfeitures imposed by the Laws of the Corporation of this City

City of New York } ss.

At a Meeting held in pursuance of the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to regulate Elections within this State" on Tuesday the 4th Day of April 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richd Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Henry Will | Assists |
| Abm P Lott | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Jer. Wool | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | John Van Dyck | |
| Jacobus Lefferts | Assessors | Alexr Robertson | Assessors |
| William Van De Water | | James Desbrosses | |
| Lawce Burrass | | Menassah Salter | |
| Abm Brinckerhoff | | Geo. Codwise | |
| | | Wm Newton | |

The follows Persons were elected Inspectors in their respective Wards, for the ensuing Election.* vizt

| South Ward | Dock Ward | East Ward |
|---|---|---|
| Everards Brower | Wm Gilbert | Richd Norwood |
| Abm Van Deursen | Garret Harsen | Jno Young |
| Zachs Sickels | Anthо Griffith | Wm Heyer |
| **West Ward** | **North Ward** | **Montgy Ward** |
| Wm J Elsworth | Jno Anthony | Saml Guilford |
| Anthо Post | James Christie | Joshua Sands |
| Henry Tiebout | Ebenr Turell | Benjs Egberts |

Garret Abeel, Stephen McCrea & Henry Brevoort for the Out Wd

[409] The Assessors being withdrawn Mr Mayor took the Chair & the Board proceeded to Business in Common Council.

Ordered that an Election be held in the South Ward of an Assessor in the Room of Abm Van Wyck decd

The Clerk produced the engrossed Grant to Edward Nicoll of a Water Lot in front of his Lot on Burnets Key which was read and approved by the Board.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor sign the same by order of this Board to be delivered to Mr Nicoll on his executing the counterpart thereof. The Clerk also produced the engrossed Grant of a Water Lot to Jacobus Lefferts in front of his Lot on the East side of Fletchers Street between the Fly Market & Burlings Slips which was read & approved by the Board.

* Marginal note reads *Election for Legislature.*—Ed.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor sign the same by order of this Board to be delivered to Mr Lefferts on his executing the counterpart thereof & paying the Quit Rent due agreable to the order of this Board of the 7th March 1785

[410] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 19th April 1786

Present/ Jas Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Geo. Janeway |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder |
| Abm P Lott | | Thos Ten Eyck |
| Jno Broome | | Henry Will |
| Jer. Wool | | Jno Van Dyck |
| Nichs Bayard | | |

Assists

Whereas it is represented to this Board that the Keeper of the Bridewell hath been forbid to draw his Seine or Net for taking Fish at Paulus Hook on the Jersey Shore, by Reason whereof the Inhabitants of that Institution as well as the Alms House are likely to be deprived of the Advantage of being fed with Fish during the Season at a very cheap Rate.

Ordered that Aldn Lott, Gilbert & Wool & Mr Van Gelder & Mr Van Dyck be a committee to confer with Mr Smith the Tenant in possession at Paulas Hook on the Subject & report to the Board.

The Clerk according to the order of the 23d Novr last produced to the Bd a Bond from this Corporation to Jacobus Bogert (for the Injury done to his Lot by the widening of Cortlandt Street) conditioned for the paymt of £119:14/ payable on the 1st Novr next with Interest at 5 P Ct from the 23d Novr last. which was read & approved by the Bd

[411] Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

A Request of Mr Danl Ludlow that he may be permitted to have the Care & Use of the Bowling Green, at the lower End of the Broad Way, for two Years he being willing at his own Expence to manure the Ground & sow the same with proper Grass Seed and have it well laid down as a Green, And

A Request from Mr Chancellor Livingston that the Direction & Use of the said Bowling Green may be granted to him; were respectively read.

Ordered that the Direction & Use of the said Bowling Green be granted to Mr Chancellor Livingston on the Terms offered by Mr Ludlow

A Memorial of Peter P Van Zandt & Robert Hunter praying, that the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants (presented on the 29th Ultº) for altering & improving the Street at the* Coffee House, may not be granted; was read & referred to the Committee on that Petition.

A Petition of Saml Franklin & others praying the Aid of the Board towards purchasing a House & Lot of the Estate of Henry Brasher decd for the opening of the †Street leading from Golden Hill to Beekmans Street; was read & the Consideration thereof postponed.

The Treasurer represented to the Board that there appears to be Rent due on Lot Nº 8, on Inchlambergh, leased by the Corporation to Saml Farmer [412] in 1764 & by him assigned to Robt G Livingston & Jnº Weatherhead for the Use of his Creditors the Sum of £60— That Mr Weatherhead in consequence of his attainder has departed this State & that Mr Livingston begs a Remission of the Ground Rent or that the Corporation would accept a Surrender of the Lease.

Ordered that the Treasurer, on behalf of this Corporation, accept of the Surrender of the Lease of the said Lot accordingly.

Resolved that the Magistrates shall in Rotation have the Charge of the City Watch & receive their Reports in the following Order vizt

Aldn of the South Ward for the first Week to commence on Sunday the 23d Inst

Aldn of the Dock Ward for the 2d Week to commence on Sunday the 30th Instant

Aldn of the East Ward for the 3d Week to commence on Sunday the 7th May next

Aldn of the West Ward for the 4th Week to commence on Sunday the 14th May next

Aldn of the North Ward for the 5th Week to commence on Sunday the 21st May next

Aldn of the Montgomerie Ward for the 6th Week to commence on Sunday the 28th May next

And so on in the same Rotation throughout the Year.

[413] The Clerk informed the Board that he had received three sealed Packets said to contain Proposals for erecting Works to supply this City with Water; And the Aldermen and Assistants being called upon to report the Sense of the Citizens in their respective Wards on

* Marginal note reads *Wall Street.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *Cliff Street.*—Ed.

the Subject, reported that they had conferred with many of the Inhabitants in their respective Wards and that it appeared to be the Sense of a Majority of the Persons they had conferred with that the Corporation ought not to grant the Privilege of supplying the City with Water to Individuals; but that the same ought if possible to be undertaken by the Corporation Whereupon Ordered that the said Proposals remain unopened with the Clerk until the further Order of this Board or that they be returned, at the option of the Persons who presented the same.

Ordered further that the Aldermen & Assistants be requested to set on foot in their respective Wards, Representations to this Board in Writing and subscribed by the Citizens in order more fully to ascertain their Sense, Whether the Corporation ought to grant to Individuals the Privilege of supplying the City with Water Or whether the same ought to be undertaken by the Corporation and that the Monies necessary for the Purpose should be raised by a Tax on the Citizens. Ordered that the aforegoing be published

[414] Ordered that the follow$^{g}$ Persons be appointed Fire Men of this City, of the Engine N$^{o}$ 16.

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| John B Dash Jun$^{r}$ foreman | Peter Ritter |
| William Parker | Thomas Lawrence |
| Francis Child | Walter Frazer |
| John Peter Ritter | Benjamin Haight |
| Daniel Bowie | Charles Stewart |

Ordered that the Engineer direct a House to be built at the New Dutch Church for the reception of the s$^{d}$ Engine

Ordered that Morris Smith be appointed a fire Man of Engine N$^{o}$ 6 vice Elias Kip dec$^{d}$ & Herman Skaats of N$^{o}$ 3 vice Jn$^{o}$ Kemper remov'd

A proposal of Willet Seaman to lease a Lot on the West side of Pecks Slip was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist. of Montgomerie Ward & the Treasurer.

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House be permitted to erect a Stable & Store House for the use of the s$^{d}$ House.

A proposal of Tho$^{s}$ B Atwood to purchase the 10 Acres of Land in his possession at Inchlambergh & also 12 Acres adjoin$^{g}$ for which he offers at the rate of £20 per Acre & pay the Money in 12 Months & the usual Quit Rent for that Year.

Also a proposal of Caspar Semler to purchase Lots N$^{o}$ 32 & 34 near the 3 Mile Stone offering £15 p$^{r}$ Acre—the one half of the Money to be paid on delivery of the Deeds & the other in twelve Months. were respectively read

Ordered that they be informed that their proposals are too low & cannot be acceded to.

[415] N. 127 Ordered that the Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay to John shoals on Acct of Interest..... £143:15:—

128 Ordered the like to Saml Gilford..... 60:—:—

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the following persons, the following sums in full of their respective Acct Vizt

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| No 129 | To Eeazer Little for repairing Jane Burger's house on Golden Hill ..... | £23: 9: 5½ |
| 130 | George Janeway for repairing..... | 217:19: 4 |
| 131 | William McKenney for Stone work at the City Hall and Bridewell ..... | 3:16: 8 |
| 132 | Stewart & Jones for Rope Delivered E Burger..... | 3: 3:— |
| 133 | Robert Sloan & Co. for Blacksmiths word done at the Bridewell ..... | 72: 9:— |
| 134 | Clawson & Currie for repairing the Dock at Counties Slip ..... | 22: 4: 5 |
| 135 | Robert Lawton for 10 Cask Lamp Oil..... | 113: 3:— |
| 136 | John Reins one of the City Marshalls for Conveying ten Vagrants to Bridewell..... | 1:10:— |
| 137 | Abm Van Gelder for Lighting the Lamps from 26th feby to 26th March..... | 29:18: 8 |
| 138 | The Estate of Whitehead Hicks Esqr for Sundry Monies advanced for the use of the Corporation in 1774..... | 18: 2: 6 |

Ordered that Thursday the 11th Day of May next be appointed for holding an Election in the West ward of an assessor in the stead of John Van Cortlandt excused from serving by reason of Bodily Infirmity and also in the South ward of an assessor in the stead of Abraham Van Wyck deceased

[416] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House of the said City on Monday May 10th 1786.

Present James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| John Broome<br>William W. Gilbert<br>Abraham P. Lott<br>Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldermen | Thomas Ten Eyck<br>George Janeway<br>Henry Will<br>John Van Dyck<br>Abraham Van Gelder |
| | | Assistants |

Aldn Broome and Gilbert and Messrs Will and Ten Eyck the Committee appointed to examine the Commissioners account, reported to the board that they had examined the accounts and find the

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| Alms house account to amount to..... | £398: 8:10 |
| and the Bridewell account to amount to..... | 213: 1: 1½ |

Ordered that Ald[n] Gilbert and Bayard and M[r] Van Gelder be a Committee to examine the Bridge near M[r] Lispenards represented to be much out of order

A representation of the Commissioners that Thomas Bowne one of their members has removed from the City and that they had nominated Henry Ricker in his room

Ordered that Henry Ricker be appointed accordingly

[417] Ordered that a Committee be appointed to consider of ways and means to borrow a Sum of money to supply the Treasury, and that Ald[n] Broome M[r] Will and the Treasurer be the said Committee

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday 23[rd] of May 1786.

Present James Duane Esquire Mayor
Richard Varick Esquire Recorder

Nicholas Bayard
Abraham P Lott
Jeremiah Wool
William W Gilbert
William Neilson
} Esq[rs] Aldermen

Abraham Van Gelder
John Van Dyke
George Janeway
Henry Will
William Malcom
Thomas Ten Eyck
} Assistants

Pursuant to an Act of the Legislature entitled An Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened to order the raising monies by Tax for the maintenance of the Poor and other Contingent expences arising in the said City, passed 4[th] day of April 1786. The Board proceeded to the Consideration of the Sums of Money necessary to be raised for the [418] purposes in the said Act mentioned

Thereupon Resolved and Ordered that the Sum of Six thousand pounds be raised by a Tax on the Estates Real and Personal of all and every the Freeholders and Inhabitants within the City and County of New York, to be applied to the support and Maintenance of the Poor of the said City and County, the Bridewell, and the Criminals from time to time confined in the prison of the said City and County, and to the repairing and maintaining the public Roads and Cleaning and improving the streets within the said City and County; And also that the further Sum of four thousand pounds be also raised by a Tax on the Estates Real and personal, of all and every the Freeholders and Inhabitants within the said City, on the South side of a line beginning at the Outlet of the Swamp of Leonard Lispenard Esquire into Hud-

son's River; thence to and along the North side of the Dwelling House of Nicholas Bayard Esquire—thence to and along the North side of the Dwelling House late of Thomas Jones Esquire, and thence to and along the North side of the Dwelling House of Abraham Cannon, to the East River, to be applied to the payment of so many Watchmen as the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of New York shall think necessary for guarding the said City; And also to the purchasing of Oil, providing Lamps, and repairing and attending the Lamps which now are or hereafter may be erected within the said City. Which said Sums abovementioned shall be rated [419] and Assessed by the Assessors, according to the Estate of each respective Person so to be taxed; and collected and paid into the Treasury on or before the first day of September next

The Returns of the late Elections in the South and West Wards pursuant to the order of the 19th Ult° were respectively read from which it appears that John Bancker was duly elected an Assessor in the South Ward in the Stead of Abraham Van Wyck deceased, and that Henry Roome was duly elected an Assessor in the West Ward in the stead of John Van Cortlandt

Mr Henry Roome attending, informed the Board that the Inspectors of the late General Election in the West Ward had refused to admit him to the Right and Privilege of giving his vote at the said Election for Governor &c &c &c. alledging that he came within the Discription of those Characters which by Law were prohibited from voting; that he conceived if he was not qualified to elect, he could not be qualified to be elected, And therefore as well as on Account of his Weak State of Health he could not take upon himself the execution of the said office of Assessor. Mr Roome being then informed by order of the Board that his Reasons for refusing to accept the said office were insufficient to Justify the discharging him from the said office, he was called upon to take the Oaths of Allegiance and of office as by Law is directed, which he refused to do

[420] Whereupon it was ordered that he pay a fine of forty Shillings to the use of this Corporation.

Ordered that an Election be held in the West Ward on Wednesday the thirty-first Instant of an Assessor in the Stead of the said Henry Roome, And also that an Election be held on the same day in the Out Ward of an Assessor for the Bowery Division in the stead of Jacob Harson who is rendered incapable of serving by reason of his being in the close Custody of the Sheriff on a Process issued out of the Court of Chancery.

Ordered that Mr Mayor Issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons, the following sums in full of their respective Accts Vizt

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| N. 139 | To Rinier Skaats for 1 Quarter Attendence as City Marshell & Extra Att..... | £10:—:— |
| 140 | Gilbert & fleming as Clerks at the Gel. Eleⁿ Nº Ward... | 8: 9:— |
| 141 | Daniel Niven Acct Agt the Bridewell &c..... | 27:14:11 |
| 142 | Lefoy & Van Dolsom as Clerk's at yᵉ Ellⁿ for 1 Assessor Wt Wd ..... | 2:—:— |
| 143 | David Waldron's Acct for repairing Kings & Harlem Bridges ..... | 8:17:11 |
| 144 | John W Gilbert, as Clerk at yᵉ Genl Election Dock Ward | 4: 4:— |
| 145 | James Parsons Acct for Lamp Oil..... | 13: 5: 9 |
| 146 | John Easton Acct Dº ..... | 10: 5: 6 |
| 147 | Thomas White's Marshall's Acct for taking up Vagrants &c ..... | 5: 3:— |
| 148 | John Newkerk's Acct as Clerk at Genl Election Dock Wd | 4: 4:— |
| 149 | Lefoy & V: Dolsom's Acct as Clerk's at Genl Election Wt Ward ..... | 8: 7: 6 |
| 150 | Heyer & Gilbert's Acct as Clerks at Dº Et Ward..... | 8: 4:— |
| 151 | Elijah Wedge one Quarter Wages as City Cryer..... | 6: 5:— |
| 152 | Robert Townsend and Others for apprehending Nine Vagrants ..... | 1: 7:— |

[421] City of New York } At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 30th Day of May 1786

Present James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| John Broome | Esqrs Aldn | Geo. Janeway | Assists |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Jnº Van Dyck | |
| Wm Neilson | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Jer. Wool | | Henry Will | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Benj. Blagge | | Corns C Roosevelt | |
| Abm P. Lott | | Wm Malcom | |

In pursuance of two several Acts of the Legislature, entitled "An Act for emitting the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of credit for the purposes therein mentioned" passed the 18th April 1786: And An Act entitled "An Act supplementary to an Act entitled 'An Act for emitting the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of credit for the purposes therein mentioned'" passed the 5th of May 1786, the Board proceeded to elect two loan Officers for this

City & County of New York and Robert Ray & Evert Bancker Esquires were elected to the said Office.

Thereupon resolved that the said Robert Ray & Evert Bancker Esquires are duly elected Loan Officers for this City & County of New York.

[422] The Treasurer reported & delivered in an Acct current between this Corporation & the Estate of Whitehead Hicks Esqr late Mayor of this City in which is included the principal & Interest of two Bonds from this Corporation to John Brevoort late of this City decd & by endorsemts thereon assigned to the said Whitehead Hicks, the one dated the 6th June 1771 conditioned for the payment of £800, & the other the 2d Novr 1771 for the payment of £427:9/, & also the amount of the Ballce due from the said late Mayor to the Corporation for Tavern Licences; from which Acct there appears to be a Ballance due to the Estate of the said Whitehead Hicks in the Sum of £1391:7:5. Which said Acct was approved of by the Board

Ordered that a Bond be prepared & reported from this Corporation to Charlotte Hicks Widow & Administratrix of the said Whitehead Hicks decd conditioned for the paymt of the sd Sum of £1391:7:5 accordingly

The Treasurer to whom was referred the Petition of Winant Van Zandt for a Grant of the Water Lot in front of his Lot in the East Ward betwen Burlings Slip & the Fly Market delivered in a Report

Whereupon it was ordered that the Clerk prepare & report the Draft of a Grant to him accordingly

The Treasurer also reported on the several Petitions of Leonard Lispenard Robert Livingston and John De Lancey praying further Grants of the Soil under Water opposite to their respective Lots [423] at the White Hall.

Resolved that this Board will agree to grant to the said Petitioners, the Breadth of their respective former Grants, an additional one hundred feet into the River.

The Treasurer reported that agreable to the Order of this Board the two Lots on the West Side of Pecks Slip had been sold at public Vendue for the Term of twenty one Years from the 1st Day of May last with Condition that at the expiration of the Term (unless the Lease be renewed) the Lessee be permitted to remove the Improvements. vizt

Lot No 5, adjoins a Lot leased to Isaac Cock, to the said Isaac Cock @ 24/ per foot per Annum

Lot No 6 to Joseph Clements @ 30/ Do Do

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Leases for the said two Lots accordingly

The Treasurer laid before the Board a Lease from this Corporation to Samuel Farmer for Lot N° 8 on Inchlambergh with an endorsed thereon written subscribed by Robert Gilbert Livingston one of the Assignees of the Estate of the said Samuel Farmer to whom the said Lease was assigned for the benefit of his Creditors, by which Endorsement the said Lease is surrendered to this Corporation.

Ald[n] Broome from the Committee on the [424] Petition of the Inhabitants for regulating and Improving the Street at the* Coffee House & the Petition of Peter P Van Zandt & Rob[t] Hunter in opposition thereon, delivered a Report which he read & the consideration thereof was postponed.

Ordered that Ald[n] Bayard Gilbert & Lott & Mess[rs] Roosevelt Malcom & Janeway be a Committee to consider of & report some further & more effectual Measures for disposing of the Corporation Lands in the Out Ward & that they direct the Surveyor in laying out the necessary cross Roads.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday May 31[st] 1786

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

Esq[rs] Ald[n]: Wm Neilson, Ab[m] P Lott, Benj. Blagge, Wm W Gilbert, Jer. Wool, Nich[s] Bayard, Jn° Broome

Assist[s]: Ab[m] Van Gelder, Tho[s] Ten Eyck, Jn° Van Dyck, Henry Will

[425] A Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Catharine Street praying Permission to erect a public Market House at Cath[n] Slip at their own expence was read

Ordered that permission be given according[ly] & that the said Market House be subject to the Rules established by Law And that the Ald[n] & Assist[s] of the Out & Montg[y] Wards & the Assist[t] of the North Ward be a Committee to regulate Cath[n] Street & to determine on the Place for fixing the said Market House & the manner of building it & report the same to this Board

* Marginal note reads *Wall Street.*—ED.

A Petition of the hon^ble^ Jn° Jay Esq^r^ & others praying that the Broad Way Street may be new regulated was read & referred to Ald^n^ Gilbert, Wool & Neilson & Mess^rs^ Van Gelder & Van Dyck; to confer with the Neighborhood & to report the necess^y^ Measures.

A Petition of Jacob Hallet & others praying that Water Street from the Old Slip to the Coffee House may be new regulated was read & referred to the Ald^n^ & Assist of the Ward to report the necessary regulation

A Petition of several of the Inhabitants at the Whitehall Slip praying that a part of the said Slip may be filled up, similar to the old & other Slips.

And a Petition of the Inhabitants of Vesey Street praying that a part of the Slip may be filled up were respectively read & the former [426] referred to the Ald^n^ & Assist^s^ of the South & Dock Wards & the latter to the Ald^n^ & Assist^s^ of the West & North Wards to enquire into & report the expediency of the Measure & the Expence which will attend it

A Petition of the Widow Ellenor Marschalk praying the Aid of the Corporation in raising her Lots & the Street in front agreable to the late regulation of Greenwich Street; was read & referred to the Ald^n^ & Assist^t^ of the West Ward.

A Petition of Henry Rutgers & others complain^g^ of great Injury from the running at large of Swine & praying that it may be prohibited was read & referred to Ald^n^ Broome & Bayard & M^r^ Ten Eyck to report, if they conceive it necessary, a Law for the purpose.

N° 153 iss^d^

Ordered that M^r^ Mayor issue his Warr^t^ on the Treasurer to pay James Collins one of the City Watchmen the Sum of 40/ as a reward for his vigilence & Spirit in apprehend^g^ a certain W^m^ Sloshaven in the Act of Robbery in the Night & to reimburse him some Money lost in the Conflict

[427] The Returns of the Elections held in the West & Out Wards pursuant to the Order of the 23^d^ Inst, were read; from which it appears that Isaac Stoutenburgh Esq^r^ was duly elected an Assessor of the West Ward in the stead of Henry Roome & that George Dominick was duly elected an Assessor in the Out Ward in the stead of Jacob Harsen.

M^r^ Stoutenburgh attending informed the Board (that notwithstanding his willingness to accept the Office of Assessor) the Business of his Office of Commiss^r^ of forfeitures would so fully command the whole of his time during this Summer as to put it out of his Power to attend

to the execution of the Office of Assessor & therefore refused to qualify as such The Board taking Mr Stoutenburgh's Case into Consideration & also considering his holding a Seat in the honble the Senate of this State

Resolved therefore that Mr Stoutenburgh be excused from executing the said Office of Assessor & that he be Discharged therefrom accordingly

Mr Dominick, then being called, took the Oaths of Allegiance & of Office as by Law is directed

Ordered that an Election be held in the West Ward on Friday the 9th Day of June next of an Assessor in the stead of Isaac Stoutenburgh Esqr

[428] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Thursday the 15th Day of June 1786

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| Jno Broome | | Henry Will | |
| Benj. Blagge | | Wm Malcom | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Jno Van Dyck | |
| Wm Neilson | | George Janeway | |

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to consider of & report the proper Measures for celebrating the *Anniversary of the Independence of the United States on the 4th July next And that Aldn Broome Neilson & Bayard & Messrs Malcom & Will be the Committee.

The Return of the Election in the West Ward pursuant to the Order of the 31st Ulto of an Assessor in the stead of Isaac Stoutenburgh was read whereby it appears that Henry Tiebout was duly elected.

Mr Tiebout attending took the Oaths accordingly

The Clerk according to order of the 30th Ulto presented to the Board a Bond to Charlotte Hicks Widow and as Executrix of Whitehead Hicks Esqr decd conditioned for the payment of £1391:7:5. The two Bonds mentioned in the said Order from this Corporation to John Brevoort decd & assigned [429] to the sd Whitehead Hicks being also produced the Seals were torn off each of them. Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Bond† & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

* Marginal note reads *10th Anniversary.*—Ed.

† Marginal note reads *This Bond was delivered to Mr Robt Troup on the 27th July 1786 by me Robt Benson.*—Ed.

The Clerk accordg to an Order of the 17th of Sept last presented to the Board the Engrossed Grants from this Corporation to Robert Livingston & Cary Ludlow Esqrs for the soil under the Water opposite to their respective Lots at Burnets Key in the East Ward; which were respectively read & approved—Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board

Mr Recorder represented to the Board that in pursuance of the Law entitled "An Act making Provision for Officers Soldiers & Seamen who have been disabled in the Service of the United States" passed the 22d April 1786 he & Richard Platt had examined Edward Callahan a blind Man now remaining in the Alms House & found that he was a Soldier in Capt Goforths Company in the first New York Regiment commanded by the then Colo McDougall. That in the Month of August 1775 in removing the Cannon from the Battery, he received an Injury or Inflamation in his Eyes by means whereof he lost his sight the next Day and was sent to the Alms House and [430] has ever since been supported at the expence of the City or State And thereupon gave him a Certificate entitling him to receive from the Treasurer of the State a yearly Pension of Sixty Dollars from the first Day of January 1776 That in pursuance of that Certificate his Account was audited by the Auditor of the State to the second instant and the amount paid to him by the Treasurer and that the same was paid over by him to Mr Samuel Dodge the Keeper of the Alms House—Mr Recorder requested the Direction of the Board as Overseers of the Poor of the City & County of New York on the Subject.

Whereupon it was Ordered that Mr Dodge pay the said Monies by him received as afd to the Treasurer of this City there to remain subject to the Order of this Board.

The Committee appointed to regulate Catharine Street and direct the Place for erecting the Market House at Catharine Slip reported that they had viewed & directed the place for fixing the said Market House accordingly

A Petition of Wm Malcom Esqr praying leave to make an addition to his Wharf to remove the difficulties which arise from a sunken Hulk was read & referred to Aldn Blagge Mr Will & Mr Janeway

[431] A Petition of several Inhabitants at Burlings Slip praying that the East side of the said Slip may be wharfed out equal to the West side & that the Street in front of the said Street may be paved; was read & referred to the Committee on the Petitions for & against filling up a part of the said Slip.

A Petition of Christopher Stymets relative to the Office of Inspector of fire Wood & building Stone at the North River was read

Ordered that the Office of Inspector of fire Wood and building Stone in the several Districts at the North River be held and executed by Barnt Martling John Delanoy and Christopher Stymets in common and that the Emoluments arising be equally divided amongst them

Petitions of Zacharias Sickels & Abraham Anderson to be appointed Packers & Cullers were respectively read & granted

Ordered that they be appointed accordingly

A Petition of Arthur McNeal to be appointed a Measurer was read & rejected

A Petition of John Ramsay praying that certain Monies by him paid to the Treasurer for quit Rent which became due during the late War may be repaid him was read

[432] Ordered that on Mr Ramsays producing an Affidavit agreable to the Order of this Board, on the Subject of Quit Rent of the 7th of Augt last the Treasurer repay to him the Monies by him paid into the Treasury on Account of Quit Rent of his Water Lot which became due during the late War

Whereas this Board did on the 20th of April 1785 agree to Grant to Archibald Kennedy Esqr a certain Water Lot to the East of the Fly Market Slip and did direct that the Draft of a Grant should be prepared & presented to the Board accordingly And Whereas it appears to this Board by two certain Indentures produced by & in the hands of the Clerk that the said Archibald Kennedy by Robert Watts his Atty had granted and conveyed all his Right or Preemption of the said Water Lot to John Watts of this City and that the said John Watts had afterwards granted and conveyed the said Right or Preemption of the said Water Lot to the said Robert Watts; And the said Robert Watts having by his Petition presented & read this Day prayed a Grant of the said Water Lot in manner as the same was intended to have been granted to the said Archibald Kennedy Therefore Ordered that a Grant of the said Water Lot be made out to the said Robert Watts agreable to the Report of the Committee on the Petition of the said Robert Watts as Atty for the said Archibald Kennedy read & approved by the Board on the 20th April 1785.

[433] And Whereas this Board did on the 20th day of June 1785 direct that a Grant should be prepared and made out to the Heirs or Devisees of Philip Livingston Esqr decd of the Water Lot at Burnets Key in front of the Lot of the said Philip Livingston Esqr decd And it appearing to the Board by a certain Indenture executed by Philip

P Livingston Isaac Roosevelt and Robert C Livingston Trustees of the Estate of the said Philip Livingston Esq$^{r}$ dec$^{d}$ by Law appointed and the said Philip P Livingston as Adm$^{r}$ of the s$^{d}$ Estate that the Right or Preemption to a Grant of the said Water Lot was granted & conveyed to Cary Ludlow; who hath prayed for a Grant thereof accordingly

Ordered that a Grant of the said Water Lot to M$^{r}$ Ludlow be prepared accordingly

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his warrant on the Treasurer to pay to the following persons the following Sums in full of their Acc$^{ts}$— Viz$^{t}$

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| N. 154 | To Garret De Bow for 1 Years Rent of an Engine House & Eleven Buckets repairing..... | £5:10: 6 |
| 155 | D$^{o}$ John Baptist for Carpenters work at the Goal..... | 26: 2:— |
| 156 | D$^{o}$ Pettit and Bell for Dock Loggs..... | 84:—:— |
| 157 | D$^{o}$ Elijah Price for the Number of Men from 16. to 60 S$^{o}$ W$^{d}$ ..... | 2: 8:— |
| 158 | D$^{o}$ James Van Brakle D$^{o}$ from 16 to 45 E$^{t}$ W$^{d}$..... | 4: 5:— |
| 159 | D$^{o}$ Price and Kennedy for Conveying Vagrants to Bridewell ..... | 3:12:— |
| 160 | D$^{o}$ James Hill for repairing Lamps..... | 17:10:— |
| 161 | D$^{o}$ Daniel Carter 2 Acc$^{ts}$ for Painting &c..... | 30: 2:— |
| 162 | D$^{o}$ Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder 2 Acc$^{ts}$ for Lighting the Lamps.... | 59:16:— |
| 163 | D$^{o}$ Sam$^{l}$ Kip for Carting Sund$^{r}$ to the New Magazine.. | 7: 3:— |
| 164 | D$^{o}$ Jac$^{b}$ & Ab$^{m}$ Brower Clerks of the Gen$^{l}$ Election S$^{o}$ W$^{d}$ ..... | 8: 4:— |
| 165 | D$^{o}$ Dodge & Franklin Clerks of D$^{o}$ Montg$^{y}$ W$^{d}$..... | 8: 5: 6 |

[434] City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 28$^{th}$ June 1786

Present/ Ja$^{s}$ Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

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| Benj. Blagge | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder | Assist$^{s}$ |
| Jn$^{o}$ Broome | | Jn$^{o}$ Van Dyck | |
| W$^{m}$ Neilson | | Henry Will | |
| Jer. Wool | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Ab$^{m}$ P Lott | | W$^{m}$ Malcom | |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | | |
| Nich$^{s}$ Bayard | | | |

M$^{r}$ Henry Rutgers attending informed the Board that the Market House at Catharine Slip was erected & ready for the reception & accomodation of Butchers & Country People

Ordered that the said Market House be established as a public

Market Place & subject to the Rules & Regulations of the other Market Places in this City

Complaints having been made to this Board that the liquid Measures, now used by Mr Wm Hardenbrook Sealer of Weights & Measures in this City, are very erroneous & that they are too large for the true standard

Ordered that Alderman Neilson Mr Malcom & Mr Will be a Committee to enquire into [435] this Matter and to report whether the said Measures are not the true standard used previous to the late War and if not, to report the true Measure to be used until the Meeting of the Legislature and further Provision be made in the Premisses

A Petition of Obadiah Wells & others relative to a Regulation of Mulberry Street was read and referred to the Committee of Danl Dunscomb & others on the same Subject

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward be a Committee to regulate the several Streets (which remain unregulated), in the vicinity of the College

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the several Petitions relative to a new Regulation of the *Street in the vicinity of the Coffee House; which with an addition made thereto by the Committee relative to the Street leading to Hanover Square was agreed to by the Board and is as follows vizt

"Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacobus Van Zandt & 135 others setting forth, that the Street before the Coffee House for want of proper Regulations & the great concourse of Carts, is covered with Filth, and is a great Nuisance to the said Memorialists & to all others frequenting that part of the City; And also a [436] counter Petition of Peter P Van Zandt & Robert Hunter: Report that they have attentively weighed the subject Matter contained in both the said Petitions and that it is their Opinion, the following Alteration is necessary & will subject Individuals to less Injury & Inconvenience than any other Plan proposed: to wit. That the Street be altered by giving it a gradual Descent from the Entrance into Wall Street, from Queen Street, to the Entrance into Water Street at the foot of the Coffee House Bridge—That the part of Wall Street thus to be regulated ought to be made highest in the middle with a Descent each Way and a Channel on each side at a suitable Distance from the Buildings—That at the Entrance into Water Street aforesd there ought to be a Sink made to receive the Water from above and that there ought to be a large arched Sewer made from the said Sink through the middle of

* Marginal note reads *Wall Street.*—ED.

the Street under Ground to communicate with the East River—That it is further the opinion of your Committee, that the Street between Water Street af$^{d}$ and the East River fronting the Coffee House & the other Buildings below, ought to be paved in manner & form above mentioned, and that in the Center of said Street the ground ought to be Raised a [437] Sufficient Height for the Water from the Northwest side of the rise afores$^{d}$ to run with a Gradual descent, until it comes to the Sink afores$^{d}$ which is to Receive it, and that the Water on the Southeast side of the Rise afores$^{d}$ ought to Run from thence over the Street by a Gradual descent into the East River. It is further the opinion of your Committee, that if a New Bridge commonly called the Coffee House Bridge is Permitted to be made, it ought to be placed in the middle of that part of the Street between Water Street and the East River, fronting the Coffee House &c. afores$^{d}$ and that the present Coffee House Bridge ought to be removed. Your Committee have annexed a Draft to this report descriptive of the same, which they request may be considered as part thereof. May 24$^{th}$ 1786

Jn$^{o}$ Broome
Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck
Henry Will
W. Neilson
} Committee

Your Committee in addition to the above beg leave further to Report—That the Ground at the Corner of Mess$^{rs}$ Cragie Wainwright & C$^{o}$ Store at the Entrance into Hanover Square from Wall Street, be two feet below the top of the Foundation, That the Street from the said Corner West, to the West side of M$^{r}$ Joseph Hallets House (now occupied by M$^{r}$ Robert Gault) be dug down so as to ascend [438] regularly from the said Corner to the West side of M$^{r}$ Hallets House aforesaid.

W Neilson
Jn$^{o}$ Broome
Henry Will
} Committee

Ordered that the Alderman and Assistant of the East Ward cause the above Report to be carried into execution.

Alderman Broome delivered in a Report which was read and agreed to by this Board, as follows viz$^{t}$

Your Committee to whom was refered the Petition of Jacob Hallet and others, Praying leave to raise and pave the *Street, between the

* Marginal note reads *Water Street.*—ED.

old Slip and the Coffee House in Water Street at the expence of the Proprietors

Report. That the Street ought to be raised six Inches at the Pump situated near the Center of that part of Water Street afores$^{d}$, higher than the top of the Pavement round the said Pump, & that it be Paved with a Regular descent each way till it reaches the Old Slip and the Coffee House, and that it should be paved highest in the middle, and that there ought to be a Channel on each side of the Street proposed to be paved as afores$^{d}$ at a suitable distance from the Houses on either side, so as to leave sufficient Room between each Channel & the Houses for [439] foot Passengers—Your Committee have annexed a Plan to this Report, made by John M$^{c}$Comb one of the City Surveyors, which they request may be considered as part thereof June 21$^{st}$ 1786.

Jn$^{o}$ Broome
Henry Will } Committee

Ordered that the Alderman and Assistant of the East Ward cause the above Report to be carried into execution, and that they recommend it to the Proprietors of Houses in that Street to alter their Stoops and Cellar Doors so as to project as little as possible into the Street.

The Committee appointed to report the proper manner of celebrating the 4$^{th}$ of July next being the Anniversary of our Independence made a Report Whereupon it was agreed as follows viz$^{t}$

That at Sunrise the Day be announced by a display of Colours, a Discharge of 13 Cannon & the ringing of all the public Bells for one Hour That at 12 O'Clock there be a Procession of this Board & other public Officers & the Citizens from the City Hall down Broad Street & through Queens Street to the Residences of their Excellencies the Governor & the President of the United States and thence by way of Beekmans Street to the City Tavern where a Collation be provided—At the Commencem$^{t}$ of the Procession a Discharge of 13 Cannon & the ringing of all the Bells for two Hours And at Sunset a Discharge of 13 Cannon to close the Day.

Ordered that the same Committee conduct the Business of the Day & direct the Collation to be provided

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday the 12[th] Day of July 1786

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

Benj. Blagge, John Broome, Wm W Gilbert, Jer. Wool } Esqrs Aldn

John Van Dyck, Abm Van Gelder, Wm Malcom, Henry Will } Assists

David Ackerman sworn & admitted a freeman & ordered to be registered

By a Representation from the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell it appearing that the Monies in their Hands for the use of those Institutions were exhausted that they were considerably in Arrears for Provisions & other Necessaries and that by their Estimate they would stand in need of the follow[g] Sums for the ensuing Quarter viz[t] For the Alms H[s] £900 & for the Bridewell £300

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance to the s[d] Commiss[rs] on Acc[t] the s[d] two Sums accordingly And it being suggested to the Board that from the present exhausted State of the [441] Treasury it would not be in the Power of the Treasurer to advance the s[d] two Sums or any part thereof until Monies were collected by Tax, and that the Commissioners could not possibly provide for the present Exigencies of the Alms House without some Money

166 issued

Resolved that Willet Seaman Treasurer to the Commiss[rs] of the Alms House be and he is hereby authorized and requested to provide by a negociation with the Directors of the Bank the Sum of £400 for the present Support of the Alms House and that this Board will enable him to comply with his Engagements for the payment thereof

The said Commissioners further set forth in their said Representation that John Lawrence one of the s[d] Commissioners for satisfactory Reasons to them assigned had signified his intention to decline serving any longer as a Commissioner, and Obadiah Seaman being recommended by the s[d] Commissioners as a proper Person & willing to accept of the said Office.

Ordered that M[r] Lawrence's Resignation be accepted & that Obadiah Seaman be & he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of the Alms House and Bridewell in his stead

[442] Ordered that the follow[g] Persons be & they are hereby appointed firemen of this City viz

Nicholas Brower, vice, Benjamin Birdsall removed to Jersey—Engine N° 1.

Nicholas Van Antwerp, vice Augustus Sidell dec^d—Engine N° 11

Francis Arden, vice, Nicholas Hillman dec^d—Engine N° 5

John Spiece & Peter Cole, vice, Cornelius Van Aulen & Burger Shelhouse declined serving—Engine N° 14

Ordered that M^r Lowdon Printer deliver to each Member of this Board & the Clerk a Copy of the Bye Laws Charter &^c & charge the same to this Corporation

Ald^n Gilbert delivered in the follow^g Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz^t Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Stagg & others praying that the Slip fronting Vesey Street might be contracted on the South Side & also that a Bulkhead might be erected across the said Slip. Do report that it is the Opinion of your Committee a Bulkhead be erected across said Slip seventy feet in front of Greenwich Street; which is humbly submitted.

W^m W Gilbert
Ab^m Van Gelder.

[443] Ordered that the Ald^n & Assist of the West Ward direct the said Bulkhead to be erected accordingly.

A Petition of Elizabeth Graham & others praying that the execution of that part of the Report of the Committee, for regulating the lower end of Wall Street, which directs the lowering of the Street leading to Hanover Square, be suspended until they can be heard on the Subject; was read & referred to the Committee who made the said Report

A Petition of John M^cComb & Dan^l Niven for a Grant of the Soil under Water in front of the Lots belonging to the Estate of Sir Peter Warren dec^d was read & referred to the Ald^n & Assist^t of the West Ward & M^r Malcom.

A Petition of Jn^o Gilbert relative to his Fees as keeper of the Powder Magazine was read & referred to Ald^n Wool & Mess^rs Malcom & Will.

Ald^n Blagge delivered in the follow^g Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz^t

The Commitee to whom was referr'd the Petition of William Malcom Report

That they have viewed the wharff or Street and Beekmans Slip, Mentioned in the said Petition and are of Opinion

[444] That the Hulk of a large Vessell sunk partly in the said slip

and partly on the Ground where the street is to be made Cannot be raised

that it will rather be a convenience than an Ingury to the public if the street be made two feet wider than is mentioned in the grant of the Lott Owned by the Petitioner

That while it will make the front on the Street fronting Queen street towards the river, uniform and be of peculiar convenience to the petitioner to grant him the four feet three Inches, which his lot is narrower than the Lott on the N° Side of water street, it will be of no disadvantage to the public because the Slip will remain feet wide— Your Committee do therefore Recommend that the Hulk or wreck. lying in the slip be fill'd level with the street—That the Petitioner be permitted to extend the street to the width of twenty feet at his own expence. and that. he obtain a Grant of the four feet and three Inches of Ground before discribed. upon an appraisement of the Value thereof or such terms as the board thinks reasonable—And further that instead of the permission which he prays for to sink a block beyond his present bounds. he as well as all others in like Circumstances be directed to take out their Grants, for the benifit of the Corporation Revenue—All which is submitted to the board

Bⁿ Blagge
Henry Will
Geo. Janeway

Ordered that the Treasurer enquire & report to the Board the value of the said four feet three Inches of Ground mentioned in the said Report

[445] City of New York } At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sᵈ City on Wednesday the 19th July 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqʳ Mayor
Richᵈ Varick Esqʳ Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqʳˢ Aldⁿ | Wᵐ Malcom | Assistˢ |
| Abᵐ P Lott | | Jnº Van Dyck | |
| Jer. Wool | | Henry Will | |
| Nichˢ Bayard | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Wᵐ W Gilbert | | Abᵐ Van Gelder | |

John Johnson admitted & sworn a freeman of this City & ordered to be registered.

Mʳ Malcom (in behalf of Aldⁿ Neilson) delivered in the followᵍ Report on the Subject of Measures which was read & agreed to by the Board viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of the weights and Measures at present used in the City Report.

That by Various experiments they have assertained that the Standard Gallon Measure in the possession of the Clerk, by which Mr William Hardenbrook has for Several Years last past regulated the wine Measure of the City, Contains one Gill and about a Quarter of a Gill, more than a Vessel whose contents is equal to 231 Cubical Inches and which by the Law of this State, ought to be the standard, or rule for determining the Quantity of one Gallon wine Measure—That to assertain the Nature of the Complaint made by the Petitioners with the Greater Exactness & precision the Com [446] mittee have had Vessells of Different form prepared equal to the Measurement of 231 Inches. and have Compared the Quantity which they respectively contained with each other and with a Standard, Stampt measure recd some years ago from the Exchequer of England by Willett Seaman, and find them all to contain an Equal Quantity, but 1¼ Gill less than the said Standard Gallon Measure in the possession of the Clerk. This discovory having been made enduced your committee to examine Mr Hardenbrook upon the Subject, that they might be enabled to State to the board. the reason why the Standard Gallon recd by the Corporation from England some years ago differ'd so much from the one recd by Willett Seaman from the same place & with the same Stamp, and also from the Vessells provided. for the Experiments made by the Committee, and Mr Hardenbrook related upon the Subject as follows Vizt "that in the Year 1770 he recd a warrant to Seal Weight's and Measures—that he then sent to England for a Sett of Weights & Measures to be proved at the Exchequer—that when they arrived he compared them with those then in use in the City, and found the Weights in the possession of Mr Myers lighter, upon which he applied to Mr Mayor Hicks for directions, who ordered him to regulate those recd from England by those previously in the City—that he also compared the Measures—& found those recd from England to contain less than the old ones, upon which he again apply'd to the Mayor for Directions, and as in the former case. was ordered to regulate by the old measure, and which weights & Measures have continued to be the standard from that date—That your Committee having carefully examined & Considered the Law entitled "An Act to assertain weights and Measures within this State passed Apl 10. 1784" are fully of Opinion that the Standard Measure of the Exchequer in that part of Great Britain called England, is by the true construction [447] Intent. & Meaning of the said Act established as the Standard of this

State—And therefore that an Order of Common Council be immediately made for providing and depositing with the Clerk of the peace or Common Clerk of the City & County a sett of Measures to be hereafter used in the State agreeable to the Law herein before mentioned—all which is nevertheless most Respectfully suubmitted
July 19. 1786 Henry Will"
W. Malcom

Ordered that the same Committee cause a new Sett of liquid Measures to be made agreable to the above Report & present them to this Board for their inspection & approbation. And also that they examine & report the State of the dry Measures & Weights in possession of the Clerk or Sealer of this City.

Ald$^{n}$ Wool from the Committee on the Powder Magazine delivered in the follow$^{g}$ Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

"The Committee to whom was refered the application of M$^{r}$ John Gilbert storekeeper of the powder Magazine, Report

That they are well informed that a Magazine for the Storage of powder has lately been erected at Brooklyn, the proprietors of which propose to store powder therein at a lower rate than what has heretofore been charged by the Corporation—That unless the Board shall think proper to reduce the rates of Storage, the Merchants and others who deal in powder will apply to the Magazine at Brooklyn, [448] by which means the revinues of the Corporation will be considerably deminished—And therefore the Committee Recommend that untill the further orders of the Common Council M$^{r}$ Gilbert be directed to charge for the Storage of powder to be deposited in the City Magazine at and after the rate of 3/6 P C$^{wt}$ all which is nevertheless Submitted.
July 18, 1786.

Jerem$^{h}$ Wool
W. Malcom
Henry Will
} Committee

It being suggested to the Board that great Abuses are committed in the public Market Places by forestallers & Hucksters.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Lott & Wool & Mess$^{rs}$ Malcom Van Dyck & Will be a Committee to enquire into the Matter & report to the B$^{d}$

It being suggested by a Member that the Wharf sinking on the East side of the fly Market Slip has encroached on the said Slip. Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Broome & M$^{r}$ Will & M$^{r}$ Janeway be a Committee to cause the same to be surveyed

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his warrant on the Treasurer to pay the following persons the following sums in full of their respective Accts Vizt

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| N. 167 | To Fredk Dalton for whipping a Man..... | £0: 8:— |
| 168 | Do Abm Van Gelder for Lighting the Lamps from the 26th May to the 26th June..... | 30: 2: 8 |
| 169 | Do Macijah Coffin for 4 bbl Oil..... | 20: 1: 6 |
| 170 | Do John Dietz for taking the Number of Male Inhabitants in the out ward from 16 to 45 Years..... | 4:15:— |
| [449] 171 | To Doctor Beekman Van Beuren for Medicines and attendence at the poor house from the 15th of April 1776 to the 15 Sepr 1776..... | 45:16: 8 |
| 172 | Do Abijah Wells for one Quarter Salary as Scavenger for the west ward..... | 5:—:— |
| 173 | Do William Williss for taking the number of Male inhabitantants from 16 to 45 Years, west Wd..... | 3:15:— |
| 174 | Do Peter Hulick for Do in the North ward..... | 5:—:— |
| 175 | Do Byvanck and Hutton as Clerks at the Genl Election in the out ward..... | 8: 4:— |
| 176 | Do Elijah Wedge for 4 Months Salary as Scavenger of the East ward..... | 10:—:— |
| 177 | Do Isaac Peffer for Do in Montgomory ward..... | 10:—:— |
| 178 | Do Anthony Post to Repairs and Materials at the Court Room, Centry Boxes &c..... | 24: 5: 2 |
| 179 | Do Lewis Andw Guitier for taking the number of persons in the out ward from 16 to 45 Years..... | 6:18:— |
| 180 | Do Abm Van Gelder for Sundry Disbursments by him from June 1785 to 22d May 1786 in the Lamp Department ..... | 81: 2: 1 |

On a Representation that Measures were necessary to be taken by the Board for repairs and continuing the Street on the Dock commonly called Dey's Dock between Partition & Dey Streets and along the North side of Deys Slip.

Ordered that Aldn Lott & Messrs Janeway & Malcom be a Committee to take the said Subject into consideration & report the Measures necessary to be taken accordingly.

[450] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Tuesday the 25[th] July 1786

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Ab[m] Van Gelder | Assist[s] |
| Ab[m] P Lott | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Wm Neilson | | Corn[s] C Roosevelt | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Wm Will | |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | Jn[o] Van Dyck | |
| Jer. Wool | | Wm Malcom | |

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants praying that certain indigent Widows therein named may be exempted from the Law ag[t] Hucksters; was read & referred to the Committee appointed to enquire & report on certain Abuses committed by Hucksters & Forestallers in the Markets.

Ordered that the Clerk enquire and report to the Board the amount of the Sums paid by the Corporation for paving in front of several Lots in the upper end of Queen Street the proprietors whereof at the time were not known.

A Petition of Merlin was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist of the West W[d]

[451] N[o] 181 issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Tho[s] Lefoy & Henry Van Dalsen the Sum of £4 for their Services as Clerks of the late Election for Assessors in the West Ward

N[o] 182 issued & James Hill for paint[g] the City Watchmen's Caps..... £1: 8:—

Ald[n] Gilbert delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"We the Committee appointed to regulate the Streets in the West Ward having procured Plans of the Surveyors of the City for the Regulation of Greenwich Barclay and Murray Streets which Survey or plans are hereunto annexed. do report that regulations agreable to the said plans or Survey appear to be usefull and proper and necessary to be adopted which nevertheless is Submitted

July 25[th] 1786 Wm W. Gilbert
Ab[m] Van Gelder

The following are extracted from the Plans referred to in the above Report

Beginning at the North Gutter in Cortland Street, thence to assend

the length of 133 feet 1 Inch on 10 feet thence to desend to the middle of Dye Street 1 Inch on 10 feet the distance being 133 feet

Thence to assend the length of 105 feet 1 Inch on 10 feet then to desend to the middle of Division street 1½ Inches on 10 feet the distance being 110 feet

Regulation of Greenwich Street

Then to assend the length of 100 feet 1 Inch on 10 feet & to desend to the Middle of Vesey Street 1½ Inches on 10 feet the distance being 132 feet. from there to assend the length of 140 feet. 1 Inch on 10 feet then to desend to the Middle of Barclay street 1 Inch on 10 feet the distance being 140 feet

Thence to assend the length of 123 feet 1 Inch on 10 feet and to desend to the Middle of Robinson street 1 Inch on 10 feet the distance being 123 feet

Murray Street

The distance from Broadway to Greenwich Street being 1268 feet and 25 feet 5 Inches desent—It must be dug down at the intersection of Church Street 7 feet 8 Inches. and at the intersection of Chapel street 6 feet 2 Inches. and at Greenwich Street 2 feet 8 Inches

Regulation of Murry Street

[452] After the above is dug down as described there will be a regular desent of 2 inches & 4/10 on every 10 feet.

Barkley Street

The distance from Broadway to Greenwich Street being 1.091 feet and 25 feet 3 Inches desent It must be dug down at the pump. that stands at the intersection of Church Street four feet nine inches and opposite to the end of Chapel street Six feet four Inches and at the Lower end at Greenwich street. to be fill'd up five feet

Regulation of Barclay Street

After the above is dug out and fill'd up as discribed there will be a regular desent of two inches and three Quarters on Every ten feet

[453] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday July 27th 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richd Varick Esqr Recorder

Abm P Lott
Jno Broome
Wm W Gilbert
Jeremiah Wool
} Esqrs Aldn

On reading a Petition of the Bakers of Loaf Bread

Ordered that the Assize of all Loaf Bread sold within this City be & the same is hereby regulated & established, until the further order of this Board as follows vizt

A wheaten Loaf of fine Flour to weigh two Pounds & a Quarter for seven Coppers

Assize A Loaf of like flour to weigh one Pound & a Quarter for four Coppers—flour 40/ Pr barrel

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the South Ward direct such Repairs as may be necessary to the ferry Stairs at the White Hall

And that the Aldn & Assist of the North Wd direct the necessary Repairs to the Pavement in the Street at Oswego Market

[454] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Tuesday Augt 1st 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richd Varick Esqr Recorder

Jno Broome
Abm P Lott
Jer. Wool
Benj. Blagge
Nichs Bayard
Wm W Gilbert
} Esqrs Aldn

Wm Malcom
Geo. Janeway
Henry Will
Jno Van Dyck
Abm Van Gelder
} Assists

So much of the time appointed by the Order of the 23d of May last being elapsed before the several Assessors had compleated the Assessments Rolls, as not to leave suffi time for collecting the Monies.

Ordered that the time limited for collects the Tax for the support of the Poor &c &c be lengthened to the first Day of November next

The Board being informed that the Collector of the Township of

Brooklin in Kings County had advertized the Estate of this Corporation in the said Township for sale for the paym$^{t}$ of Tax in pursuance of the Act for raising £100,000 &$^{c}$

[455] Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder Ald$^{n}$ Broome & M$^{r}$ Malcom be a Committee to enquire into the Subject & to take such Measures and employ such Council as may be necessary for defending the Rights of this Corporation ag$^{t}$ any Claims on their Estate at Brooklin aforesaid.

The Committee, appointed to prepare a Sett of liquid Measures; to be delivered to the Clerk of this City & County in the Place of those which by the Report of the Committee agreed to by this Board on the 19$^{th}$ Instant were adjudged impaired & unfit to be used as the Standard of liquid Measures, produced to the Board the following, being a new sett made under their direction & which from several experiments were found to be exactly agreable to the standard of the Exchequer in England, viz$^{t}$ One Gallon—one half Gallon—one Quart—one Pint—one half Pint—& one Gill. Which said Measures being examined & approved of by the Board, were agreable to the Directions of the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act to ascertain Weights & Measures within this State" delivered to Robert Benson, Clerk of the Peace or Common Clerk of the City & County of New York, to supply the Deficiency of those impaired as aforesaid.

Note—That on this Day the s$^{d}$ Clerk at the Mayors Court took the Oath as by the s$^{d}$ Act is directed—vide Minutes of the Court

[456] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House of the s$^{d}$ City on Monday the 7$^{th}$ Day of Aug$^{t}$ 1786.

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

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| Ab$^{m}$ P Lott | } Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | W$^{m}$ Malcom | } Assist$^{s}$ |
| W$^{m}$ Neilson | | Henry Will | |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | Jn$^{o}$ Van Dyck | |
| Jer. Wool | | George Janeway | |

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert & Mess$^{rs}$ Malcom & Janeway be a Committee to examine & audit the Acc$^{ts}$ of the Commiss$^{rs}$ of the Alms House & Bridewell.

Ordered that the Board proceed to visit & inspect the State & Condition of the two Houses.

The Board being returned.

Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert reported that they had examined the Acc$^{ts}$ with the Vouchers of the Alms for the last Quarter amount$^{g}$ to £1281:12:3½

& of the Bridewell amount$^{s}$ to £151:5:11 which they found to be just & right; Which Report was approved by the Board

Ordered that Abraham Van Gelder be & he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Lime within this City.

[457] The Commissioners laid before the Board an Estimate of the Sums necessary to defray the Expences of the Alms House & Bridewell the ensuing Quarter, & for which they requested an Order on the Treasury viz$^{t}$

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| For the Alms House | £900:—:— |
| For the Bridewell | 300:—:— |
| | 1200:—:— |

Which Estimate being approved by the Board

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer
N$^{o}$ 183 to pay to the s$^{d}$ Commissioners the said two several Sums for the use of the Alms House & Bridewell accordingly

The Commissioners represented to the Board the necessity of filling up one of the Sinks which was become offensive and endangered the Health of the Inhabitants of the Alms House & to make another in a more eligible Situation.

Ordered that the Commissioners be authorized to fill up the said Sink and to make another accordingly

[458] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Monday Aug$^{t}$ 14$^{th}$ 1786

Present/ Rich$^{d}$ Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Ab$^{m}$ P Lott | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Geo. Janeway | Assist$^{s}$ |
| John Broome | | Henry Will | |
| W$^{m}$ Neilson | | Jn$^{o}$ Van Dyck | |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck | |

On reading a Petition of the Bakers, that the Price of Flower had risen

Ordered that the Assize of loaf Bread sold within this City be until the further Order of this Board as follows viz$^{t}$

Assize
A wheaten Loaf of fine Flour to weigh 2℔—2 Oz for 7 Coppers
A Loaf of like Flour 1℔:2: Oz for 4 Coppers
Flour 42/ p$^{r}$ Bar$^{l}$

A Petition of Christopher Colles praying praying payment of the ballance by him claimed for the Water Works previous to the late War was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Broome & Neilson & M$^{r}$ Ten Eyck

A Petition of Peter P Van Zandt & others proprietors of Houses in the Vicinity of the old Bridge at the lower End of Wall Street [459] praying that the common Sewer through which the Water from Wall Street was formerly conveyed & into which the Water out of their Celler is conveyed, may be made at the public Expence; was read & referred to the Committee for directing the Improvements in the Street at the Coffee House

On Motion of Mr Janeway—Ordered that Aldn Lott & Messrs Janeway & Roosevelt be a Committee to report a Regulation for Augustus Street

No 184 issd Ordered that Mr Recorder issue Warrants on the Treasury to pay Elijah Wedge for 1 Qr Service as City Cryer from the 13th April last to the 13th July last £6: 5:—

No 185 issued And to pay Alexr Anderson in full of his Acct for making 3 Venitian Blinds for the Ct Roome..... £9:—:—

The following Report was presented by Aldn Lott and the same being read and considered was agreed to by the Board vizt

"The Commitee consisting of Mr Alderman Lott and Messrs Janeway and Malcom appointed to take into Consideration the Measures necessary for repairing and continuing the Street on the Dock commonly called Dey's Dock between Partition and Dey Street and along the North side of Dey's Slip do [460] Report that they have examined the same and find it wholly out of Repair and unfit for the passage of Carts; That it is also become necessary that a pier be sunk in Hudson's River in front of and throughout the whole extent of Deys Dock from the middle of Partition Street to the North side of the Slip in order to widen the Street on the Dock aforesaid and in order to make the Lots on the same Range with the Lots on the Corporation Dock on the North side of Partition Street

And the Committee do further report, That Theunis Dey, Jane Varick the wife of John Varick, Ann McAdam and Mary Shaw as the Children and residuary Devisees of Deyrik Dey deceased are entitled to the Grant of the Water Lot in front of Deys Dock aforesaid; That it is the opinion of the Committee, That notice be given to the said Theunis Dey, John Varick and Jane his Wife, Ann McAdam and Mary Shaw to take out a Grant for the said Water Lot on or before the fifteenth Day of September next; or that in Default thereof this Board do take the necessary Measures for having the said Pier built and the Dock along the Slip repaired and filled up.

By order of the Committee

New York Augt 14th 1786

Abm P Lott
George Janeway

[461] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday Aug[t] 23[d] 1786

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>Ab[m] P Lott<br>Jn[o] Broome<br>Jer. Wool<br>Nich[s] Bayard<br>W[m] W Gilbert | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Henry Will<br>Ab[m] Van Gelder<br>Jn[o] Van Dyck<br>Tho[s] Ten Eyck<br>W[m] Malcom | Assist[s] |

Ald[n] Wool having been desired by the Board to enquire into certain Encroachments said to have been made by the Proprietors of the Soil between the Whitehall Slip & Moore's Street, presented to the Board a Map of the Lots, made by Jn[o] M[c]Comb one of the City Surveyors, from which it appears that the said Proprietors have in possession a much greater quantity of Land in breadth on the River than by their Grants from this Corporation they are entitled to.

Ordered that Ald[n] Wool Gilbert & Neilson & M[r] Van Dyck & M[r] Ten Eyck be a Committee to make further Enquiry into the s[d] Subject & report to the Board the Measures necessary to be taken thereon.

[462] Ald[n] Gilbert to whom was referred the Petition of the Widow Marschalk pray[g] that the Corporation would assist her in defraying the Expence of filling up her Lot agreable to the late Regulation of Greenwich Street reported that in consequence of her indigence the Board should direct the Street in front of her Lot to be filled up agreable to the s[d] Regulation at the public Expence.

Ordered that the Ald[n] & Assist[t] of the Ward direct the filling up of the Street in front of the said Lot at the public Expence accordingly

On reading a Petition of Susannah Van Winkel the Board came into the follow[g] Determination

"Whereas frequent Applications have been made to this Board by the Proprietors of Lots in Greenwich Street for an Appraisement of the Injury which they conceive hath accrued to their respective Lots in consequence of the late Regulation of the said Street And this Board being desirous as well to promote the Improvement of the City as that Justice may be done to the Individuals who may have been injured—Do earnestly request the Commissioners appointed & named in & by the Act of the Legislature passed the 28[th] April 1786 entitled "An Act supplementary to an Act entitled "An Act to appoint Com-

missioners to settle & adjust any Differences which may arise between the Proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New York, the Buildings whereof were burnt [463] in the Year 1776 and for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining to such Lots" to proceed to the Appraisement mentioned in the said Act as soon as their convenience will admit.

A Petition of several Merchants dealing in the Article of Gun Powder praying that they may be reimbursed the Monies by them respectively paid the Store Keeper for removing their Powder from the old to the New Magazine was read & granted

Ordered that the Store Keeper return to the respective Proprietors the Monies by them paid for removing their Gun Powder (which was stored in the Old previous to the building of the New Magazine) to the New Magazine.

A Petition of W^m^ Moore Hubert Van Wagenen & others, Proprietors of Ground in the Vicinity of Beekmans Slip, in opposition to the granting to W^m^ Malcom Esq^r^ the Slip of Ground by him prayed for & reported on by the Committee on the 12^th^ of July last was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of Edw^d^ Lawrence & others complaining of the improper Situation of a Pump in Queen Street near the Corner of Beekmans Slip; was read & referred to the Ald^n^ & Assist^t^ of the Ward

Petitions of Francis Johnson Richard Furman John Arden Jun^r^ & Benjamin Palmer, the former praying to be appointed a Packer & Culler & the three latter to be appointed Measurers of Grain &^c^—were respectively read

[464] Ordered that Francis Johnson Richard Furman & John Arden Jun^r^ be appointed accordingly & that the Prayer of the Petition of Benjamin Palmer be rejected.

An Acc^t^ of W^m^ Smith for repairing the public Wells & Pumps was submitted to the Board by the auditors for directions—Ordered that the said Acc^t^ be referred to Ald^n^ Blagge Bayard Wool & Mess^rs^ Will Janeway Ten Eyck & Van Gelder to examine, with an Eye to the Agreement between M^r^ Smith & this Board, & report thereon.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz^t^ "The Committee appointed to report a Plan for the Regulation of Mullberry Street are of Opinion & recommend as follows viz^t^ That from the junction of Mullberry & Catharine Streets along to Bayard Street, Catharine Street be regulated to give a descent of 2⅞ Inches to ten feet—That from the North end of Mullberry Street to the Bowery Lane the Streets be regulated to a descent of 1 Inch to ten

feet; which will require four feet & 1 Inch to cut down opposite to Mr Ardens House & 7¼ feet to be raised where Cross Street intersects Mullberry Streets: But as this proposed Regulation would very materially injure many poor Persons who are proprietors of small Houses on both sides of Mullberry Streets, if carried into immediate execution the Committee recommend that for the present the Regulation be adopted [465] & the Proprietors made acquainted thereof; but that no part be compleated; but reducing the Street opposite to Mr Ardens.

Augt 1st 1786

Nicholas Bayard
Benj. Blagge
Wm Malcom

Alderman Gilbert delivired in the following Report which was read and agreed to by the Board. to wit

"Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Jay and Others of the 31 May 1786 respecting the Regulations of that part of Broadway Opposite the petitioners Houses—Report

That they have had the Subject Matter under Considiration's, that the Committee have not only called to their assistance one of the City Surveyors. but have also had the Oppinion of Several Persons whose Judgements merits attention; and are of Oppinion, that not only the West side of Broadway opposite the Petitioners Houses, be taken down agreeable to the Prayer of the Petition, but Also that part of the Broadway opposite Verlating Bergh, be taken down three feet in the Center and that Verlating bergh be raised in that part where the New Street Crosses, that the three Streets, namely, Broadway, Verlating Bergh, and New Street, be farther Regulated agreeable to a Survey made by Jno McComb which is hereunto Affixed—All which is Submitted

New York Augt 23d 1786

Wm W. Gilbert
Jeremh Wool
Abm Van Gelder
John Van Dyk

The Regulation of the Streets Mentioned in the Said Report, are agreeable to the Said Survey as follows

"Beginning 54 feet to the Northward of the Pump [466] that stands nearly opposite the House where Dr Cochran now lives, to be dug out from thence to where Verlettenbergh Street meets the Broadway, where it is to be dug three feet, by which means there will be a regular desent of 1⅞ inches on 10 feet, the distance being 211 feet 9 Inches, From thence to the Pump that stands nearly oppo-

site the house where John Slidel now lives, where it is to be dug down 2 feet 4 Inches. the assent will be 1⅛ inch on 10 feet the distance 157.9 from thence to be dug down for the distance of 278 feet by which means there will be a regular desent of 2¼ inches on 10 feet

The above regulations make it necessary to regulate Verlatenbergh Street, to do which it must be filled up 3 feet at the intersection of New Street, then there will be a regular desent from the Middle of Broadway to the Middle of New Street of 7¾ inches on 10 feet this distance is 198 feet from thence to Broad Street to have a regular desent

It will likewise be necessary to fill up New Street to the Northward of Verlatenbergh Street, as far up as the pump that stands opposite to Mr Sickell's House. by which means there will be an easy disent down New Street to Verlatenbergh Street, then it will be necessary to fill up New Street down to Beaver Street. so as to give it a regular desent of 1 inch on 10 feet"

No 186 issued — On reading a Petition of Keziah Parker an indigent Woman Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay her the Sum of three Pounds towards her support

No 187 issued — On reading a Petition for an Allowance towards the Expences of sinking a Well in Cliffs Street Ordered the like to pay Aldn Blagge the Sum of £10 to be disposed of towards the sinking of the said Well accordingly

[467] Ordered the like to pay the follows Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Accts viz

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| N. 188 issued | Doctor Peter Van Beuren for attendance of Persons in the Goal and Sundry poor in the City, by order NB two Acct | £18: 6:— |
| N. 189 issued | John Corris Acct for Sundries furnish for the Celebration of Independence | 138: 4: 6 |
| N. 190 issued | The Estate of Abm Mesier Decd two acct, one for Sundries furnish'd Cr Colles for the Waterworks and one other Acct Agt the Corporation in the Years 1774 & 1775 | 69: 2: 6 |
| N. 191 issued | Adolph Waldron for Sundry repairs at Brooklin ferry | 365: 4: 0½ |
| N. 192 issued | John Roe's Acct as Schavenger of the Dock ward, for 3 Months Service | 3:10:— |
| N. 193 issued | Abm Tyson for Building the Elizabeth town ferry Stairs | 17: 5: 1 |
| N. 194 issued | Ryneir Skaats for his Attendence as City Marshall and Extra Services from the 15th May to the 15 August | 10:—:— |

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| N. 195 issued | John Magarat for paving the Street at the Oswago Market ..... | £11:—:— |
| N. 196 issued | McGuire and Falkener of takeing the Number of Men in Montgomory ward..... | 7:10:— |
| N. 197 issued | James Hill for repairing the Lamps..... | 7:14:— |
| N. 199 issued | Egbert Steenbergh as Schavenger of the South ward for 3 Months Service..... | 3:15:— |

[468] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 5th Septr 1786

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Wm Malcom | Assists |
| Abm P Lott | | Jno Van Dyck | |
| John Broome | | Henry Will | |
| Wm Neilson | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Willm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |

In pursuance of the Act of the Legislature passed the 29th April last entitled "An Act for raising Monies by Tax". the Recorder & the Aldermen above named issued their Warrants to the Assessors of the respective Wards in this City for the purposes mentioned in the sd Act.

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Jno Hicks Collector of Taxes the Sum of fifty five Pounds fifteen Shillgs & seven pence half penny on
issued. Acct of Tax laid on the Corporation Estate in the Township of Brooklin Kings County in pursuance of the late law for raising £100,000 in the Southern District And the further Sum of two Pounds for the Collectors Expences.

Aldn Broome delivered in the following Report which was read and agreed to by the Board vizt

[469] "Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Graham & others praying that the Order of Common Council for lowering Hanover Square from the West side of the House occupied by Robert Gault to the Corner House fronting the Coffee House Bridge occupied by Craigie & Wainwright may not take place—Report that they have taken the Subject Matter of the said Petition into their serious Consideration and are of Opinion—If the Regulation begins at the West side of the House occupied by Robert Gault aforesaid and is continued with a regular Descent to the Corner of the House occu-

pied by Craigie & Wainwright fronting Hanover Square & Wall Street so as to lower the Street at said Corner six Inches instead of twelve as first reported and that the opposite side of the Street from Robert Gaults to the Corner of Wall Street be lowered in the same proportion, it will answer the End intended by the proposed Regulation and relieve a number of Individuals from manifest Inconvenience to which they otherwise would be subject—Your Committee report that the aforesaid Alteration should take Place accordingly; which is nevertheless submitted

Jn° Broome
W. Neilson
Henry Will
Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck } Committee

[470] On a Representation of the Treasurer on the subject of Monies due to sundry Persons for Interest & the Means in his Power to discharge it. Ordered that the Treasurer pay to the amount of £1200 the Interest of the several Bonds against this Corporation in equal proportions as far as that Sum will go

The Treasurer produced an Acc$^{t}$ Curr$^{t}$ between this Corporation & Edward Callahan a disabled Soldier from which it appears that of his Pension there had been received into the Treasury the Sum of £250—that the Charges of his Maintenance in the Poor House & Cash advanced him amounted to £54 & 9$^{d}$ which leaves a ball$^{ce}$ due to him of £195: 19: 3—The Treasurer informed the Board that the said Edward Callahan had at his own Request been discharged from the Poor House & had demanded the said Ball$^{ce}$ due to him

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warr$^{t}$ to the Treasurer to pay the s$^{d}$ Ball$^{ce}$ accordingly

A Petition of Isaac Roosevelt Esq$^{r}$ praying an additional Grant of the Soil under Water 200 feet into the East River in front of a Water Lot at Hunters Key granted to Boelen & by him released & conveyed to the said Isaac Roosevelt & Ab$^{m}$ P Lott Ordered that the Clerk prepare & report a Grant accordingly

[471] Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Neilson & M$^{r}$ Malcom be a Committee to examine & direct the Repairs necessary to Kings Bridge.

A Petition of Thomas Ivers & James Blanchard praying a Grant from high to low Water into the East River in front of their Ground at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Bayard Broome & Blagge & Mess$^{rs}$ Malcom & Janeway

A proposal of James Savage to clear the public Slips of Mud & filth was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Blagge & Mess$^{rs}$ Malcom & Will.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Barclay Street praying the Aid of the Corporation in sinking a Well in the said Street was read

Resolved that this Corporation will contribute £10 towards sinking the said Well.

An Acct of Sharpe & Curtenius for certain Iron Work furnished Mr Colles for the Water Works previous to the late War; was presented to the Board & referred to Aldn Broome & Neilson & Mr Ten Eyck.

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts viz$^{t}$

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| David Waldron for Repairs to the Roads | £57:12: 3 |
| David Demarree for carts Ground from Mrs Marschalks Lot in Greenwich Street | 6:17: 6 |
| David Gelston for Lamp Oil | 103: 4: 3¼ |
| Peter Maverick for engraving the new standard Measures | 3:10:— |

[472] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Wednesday Septr 13th 1786

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Jer. Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Wm Malcom<br>Jno Van Dyck<br>Cornes C Roosevelt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Thos Ten Eyck<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Henry Will — Assists |

The Board proceeded to the appointment of a Person in each Ward to preside at & be the returning Officers of the ensuing Election of City Officers and of a Place in each Ward at which the said Election is to be held & the following Persons and Places were appointed viz$^{t}$

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| South Ward | Zachs Sickels | Exchange |
| Dock do | Coenrad W Ham | do |
| East do | Henry Remsen | Coffee House |
| West do | Abm Meiser | Oswego Market |
| North do | Robt Cocks | City Hall |
| Montgy do | Peter Byvanck | Pecks Slip Market |
| Out do | John De Peyster | Bulls Head |

[473] A Report on the Petition of Thomas Ivers and James Blanchard read at the last Meeting was delivered in & read which the Committee were requested by the Board to take back until it could be ascertained whether the granting of the Prayer would not interfere

with the Streets leading from the City Eastward; for which purpose the Committee were further requested to direct the City Surveyors to make the necessary enquiry & report the Result to the Board.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob Crocken Peter Deriemer & others to fill up a part of White Hall Slip do report—That they have taken a view of the Premisses & find it necessary for the Health of the Inhabitants as well as the convenience thereof that a Bulkhead be built across the said Slip eighty feet farther into the River than where the old one stood—The Committee farther report that they have consulted the Householders in the Whitehall Street on the propriety of raising the said Street to a sufficient Height to carry the Water over the said intended Bulkhead and find them very agreable that such a Regulation should take Place; which is nevertheless submitted by

Jerem[h] Wool
John Van Dyk
Tho[s] Ten Eyck

[474] Ordered that the Ald[n] & Assist[t] of the W[d] cause the Matters mentioned in the said Report to be executed in the most œconomical manner

The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Gilbert Report that they have examined & considered the Application of M[r] Gilbert for an increase of Salary as store Keeper of the Powder Magazine and are of Opinion that the Rates which by the present Regulation of the Board M[r] Gilbert is allowed to receive as Store Keeper is by no means an adequate Compensation for his Services And therefore the Committee recommend that instead of the Fees now established he be authorized to receive Nine Pence P Cask for all Powder hereafter deposited in the City Magazines: All which is respectfully submitted to the Board

Jerem[h] Wool
Henry Will
W[m] Malcom

New York Sep[t] 12[th] 1786

The following Report was also read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John M[c]Comb & Daniel Neven [475] Report that they have maturely considered the subject Matter of the said Petition and are of Opinion that the object of the Petitioners if carried into effect would essentially

promote the Improvement of the City & the Convenience of the Citizens: But as the Proprietors of the Lots in front of that part of the River which the Petitioners pray for may claim the customary preemption to the Grant. Your Committee recommend to the Board that a Copy of the Petition be served on John Watts Junr who acknowledges himself to be the Agent for the said Proprietors and acts as such and that he be informed that unless the said Proprietors or their Agent shall within the space of six Weeks after the Date of such Notification take up a Grant of the Soil prayed for by Mr McComb & Mr Neven and engage to make Improvements equally beneficial to the Public as those which are expressed in their proposals that in such Case and at the expiration of the said Six Weeks a Grant will be made to the Petitioners agreable to the Prayer of their Petition And your Committee further recommend that in case no such Application be made & Stipulations for immediate [476] Improvements be entered into on the part of the Proprietors by themselves or Agents before the expiration of the said Six Weeks that then & in such Case a Grant be accordingly made to the Petitioners—All which is nevertheless submitted to the Board

Septr 12th 1786

Wm W Gilbert
Abm Van Gelder
W. Malcom

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Murray Street complaining of the late Regulation of the said Street; was read & referred to the same Committee who reported a Regulation for that & Greenwich & Barclay Streets.

Ordered that Aldn Bayard & Messrs Janeway & Malcom be a Committee to examine & report on the Treasurers late Settlement with the Collectors & the Measures necessary to be taken with the Delinquents.

On reading a Petition of Isaac Delemater Ordered that he be appointed an Inspector of fire Wood & building Stone at Roosevelts Slip North River in the stead of Dalzel who hath left this City.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistant of the Out Ward direct the Bridge at Mr Lispenards to be rebuilt (if necessary) of Stone.

[477] On reading a Petition of Isaac Meade. Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Bond from this Corporation to Mr Meade for the Sum reported by the Appraisors as due to him for the injury done his lot by the late Regulation of Greenwich Street & that it bear the usual Interest from the time of the making of the Report

The Clerk produced to the Board a Lease from this Corporation

to Joseph Greswold Junr for 42 Years from May 1st 1784 of Lots No 1 in Chatham Street, No 29 in Barrack & Augustus Street & the front half of Lots No 9 & 10 in Chatham Street at the annual Rent of £18 for the first 21 Years & of £24 for the Residue of the said Term; which was read & approved by the Board.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that the same be delivd to Mr Griswold on his executing the counterpt

On a Complaint that the Ferry Stairs to Hoboock was interrupted by other Ferry Boats

Resolved that no Boats belonging to any Ferry to the Northward of Hobook on Hudsons River shall land at the Ferry Stairs at the Corporation Wharf nor at any other part of the sd Wharf But that the same be reserved in exclusion of all other ferry Boats those from Paulus Hook excepted for the sole Use of the Boats belonging to Sylvanus Lawrence Lessee under this Corporation of the Ferry from the sd Wharf to Hoboock aforesaid.

No 204 issued — Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Wright Carpenter Scavenger of the North Ward the Sum of £10 for 6 months Service in that Office.

[478] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday Septr 20th 1786

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjamin Blagge<br>Abm P Lott<br>John Broome<br>Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Thos Ten Eyck<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Corns C Roosevelt<br>Henry Will |

Assists

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition against the going at large of Hogs reported a Law for the purpose which was read And thereupon Aldn Blagge moved that the consideration thereof be postponed until a future Meeting. Debates arose & the Question being put on the said Motion it passed in the Negative in manner follows

| for the Affirmtive | for the Negative |
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| Aldn Blagge | Aldn Broome |
| Aldn Lott | Aldn Bayard |
| Aldn Gilbert | Mr Ten Eyck |
| Mr Van Gelder | Mr Roosevelt |
| Mr Janeway | Mr Will |

The Board being equally divided Mr Recorder voted in the Negative.

The Law was then read & considered by Paragraphs And on Mr Recorders asking whether the Law should pass; Debates arose & the [479] Question being put it passed in the Affirmative in manner following viz

| for the Affirmtive | for the Negative |
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| Aldn Broome | Aldn Blagge |
| Aldn Bayard | Aldn Lott |
| Ten Eyck | Aldn Gilbert |
| Mr Will | Mr Van Gelder |
| Mr Roosevelt | Mr Janeway |

The Board being again equally divided Mr Recorder voted in the Affirmative. Thereupon the Law passed accordingly which with the Title thereof is as follows.

"A Law to prohibit the going at large of Hogs within this City.

Whereas the going at large of Hogs Shoats & Pigs in the Streets and Highways of this City is attended with many Inconveniences to the Citizens at large & with great Injury to Individuals.

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same—That from & after the first Day of January next no Person or Persons shall permit his her or their Hogs Shoats or Pigs to go at large in any of the Streets or Highways of this City under the penalty of forfeiting such Hogs Shoats or Pigs to the use of the Poor of the said City And be it further ordained by the authority aforesaid that it shall be the Duty of the Constables [480] & Marshalls of the said City and any other Person is hereby authorized, to take up & secure all such Hogs Shoats or Pigs as they or any of them shall find going at large contrary to this Law & to deliver them to the Keeper of the Alms House of the said City who is hereby authorized & required to receive them for the use of the Poor as aforesaid & to pay such Constable Marshall or other Person for their trouble the Sum of four Shillings for each Hog & the Sum of two Shillings for each Shoat or Pig

A Petition of Jacobus Bogert & Cornelius Hyler relative to the Weehawk & Bulls Ferry was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert & Lott & Mr Van Gelder

A Petition of Elizth Mesier relative to the repairing of the Ferry Stairs from Poulus Hook was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert Mr Van Gelder & Mr Janeway

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Mr Janeway be added to the Committee for regulating Catharine Street.

The Clerk accords to order presented a Bond from this Corpora-

tion to Isaac Mead (being for Sum appraised for the Injury sustained by his Lot on the late regulation of Greenwich Street) conditioned for the payment of £360 with Interest at 5 PC$^{t}$ from the 1$^{st}$ May 1785; which was read & approved by the Board.

[481] Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that the same be signed by M$^{r}$ Mayor & countersigned by the Clerk

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ audited by the Committee & allowed by the Board viz$^{t}$

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| N$^{o}$ 205 issued | Andrew Van Horn for mak$^{g}$ Iron Grates for the sinks in the Street at the Coffee House..... | £8:19: 4 |
| N$^{o}$ 206 issued | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for lighting & cleaning public Lamps for the Months of July & Aug$^{t}$..... | 60: 1: 4 |
| N$^{o}$ 207 issued | Jon$^{a}$ Pearsee for subsist$^{g}$ criminal Prisoners in Goal viz$^{t}$ | |
| | for the Month of April 1785..... | £56:14: 6 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ May d$^{o}$ ..... | 64:13: 6 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ June d$^{o}$ ..... | 26:17: 6 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ July d$^{o}$ ..... | 20:17: 8 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ Aug$^{t}$ d$^{o}$ ..... | 19:17: 3 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ Sept$^{r}$ d$^{o}$ ..... | 25:15:11 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ Oct$^{r}$ d$^{o}$ ..... | 20:11:— |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ Nov$^{r}$ d$^{o}$ ..... | 21:11: 8 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ Dec$^{r}$ d$^{o}$ ..... | 25:18: 3 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ Jan$^{y}$ 1786..... | 28:17: 3 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ feb$^{y}$ d$^{o}$ ..... | 15: 1: 9 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ March d$^{o}$ ..... | 14: 8:11 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ April d$^{o}$ ..... | 22: 8: 1 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ May d$^{o}$ ..... | 13:19:10 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ June d$^{o}$ ..... | 21:14: 1 |
| | d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ July d$^{o}$ ..... | 16:16:— |
| | | £416: 3: 2 |
| | for cleaning the Goal..... | 17: 3: 5 |
| | Total..... | £433: 6: 7 |

[482] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 29th Septr 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Henry Will | Assists |
| John Broome | | Jno Van Dyck | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Cornt C Roosevelt | |
| Jer. Wool | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Abm P Lott | | Thos Ten Eyck | |

This being the Day appointed by the Charter of this City for the Election of the several Charter Officers for the ensuing Year, the returning Officers of the respective Wards delivered in their Returns from which it appeared that the following Persons were elected viz[t]

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| | Jeremiah Wool | Alderman |
| | John Van Dyck | Assistant |
| South Ward | John Bancker, William Deane | Assessors |
| disq. | Elijah Price | Collector |
| disq. | Elijah Price, William Grinding | Constables |

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| [483] | William Neilson | Alderman |
| | Thomas Ten Eyck | Assistant |
| Dock Ward | John Oothout, Coenrad W Ham | Assessors |
| | William Gilbert | Collector |
| disq. | Edward McHugo, John Van North | Constables |

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| | Thomas Hazard | Alderman |
| | John Young | Assistant |
| East Ward | ab. Alexander Robertson, Joseph Hallet | Assessors |
| | James Van Brackle | Collector |
| disq. | James Van Brackle, Lewis Harrington | Constables |

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| | William W Gilbert | Alderman |
| | Abraham Van Gelder | Assistant |
| West Ward | ex. Nicholas Bogert, George Schmelser | Assessors |
| | Thomas Lefoy | Collector |
| disq. | Thomas Kennedy, John Rains | Constables |

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| | Abraham P Lott | Alderman |
| | George Janeway | Assistant |
| ab. | Jacobus Lefferts | Assessors |
| North Ward | John H Kipp | Assessors |
| | Aaron Gilbert | Collector |
| | Peter Hulick | Constables |
| | Henry Burtsell | Constables |

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| [484] | Benjamin Blagge | Alderman |
| | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistant |
| | William Goforth | Assessors |
| Montgomerie | Robert Boyd | Assessors |
| Ward | William Hardenbrook | Collector |
| | John Fleming | Constables |
| disq. | David Fick | Constables |

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| | Nicholas Bayard | | Alderman |
| ab. | Cornelius C Roosevelt | | Assistant |
| | Matthew Buys | Bowery Division | Assessors |
| | George Dominick | Bowery Division | Assessors |
| | Daniel Tier | Do | Collector |
| disq. | Lewis Andrew Gautier | Do | Constables |
| Out-Ward | John Deitz | Do | Constables |
| | Lawrence Benson | Harlem Division | Assessors |
| | William Dyckman | Harlem Division | Assessors |
| | Andrew McGown | Do | Collector |
| fined £10— ab. | John P Waldron | Do | Constables |
| | Hessel Pimm | Do | Constables |

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Mr Recorder moved "that the Treasurer (in stead of a Commission) be allowed in future a Salary for his Services"—Debates arose & the Question being put on the said Motion it passed in the negative as follows vizt

| for the Negative | | for the Affirmative |
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| Aldn Blagge | Mr Will | Mr Recorder |
| Aldn Broome | Mr Van Dyck | Aldn Lott |
| Aldn Gilbert | Mr Van Gelder | Aldn Bayard |
| Aldn Wool | Mr Ten Eyck | Mr Roosevelt |
| | | Mr Janeway |

[485] Mr Recorder then moved that the Treasurer be allowed in future for his Services at the Rate of five per cent for receiving & paying the Monies arising from the ordinary Revenues of this Corporation And at the Rate of One per cent for receiving & paying the other public Monies which shall from time to time come into the Treasury; Which was agreed to by the Board.

The Board then proceeded to the appointment of a Treasurer for the ensuing Year and Thereupon Resolved that Daniel Phœnix Esquire be & he is hereby appointed Treasurer or Chamberlain of this Corporation for the ensuing Year.

Mr Mayor was pleased to appoint Mr Thomas White High Constable.

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Neilson & Messrs Ten Eyck Malcom & Van Dyck be a Committee to examine & audit the Treasurers Books & Accounts on Tuesday next

A Petition of Charles Anderson & others praying for the Reasons therein mentioned that part of Chatham Street between Queens & St James Street be paved at the public Expence; was read

Resolved that the prayer of the said Petition cannot be complied with.

[486] A Petition of Wm Smith on the Subject of his Acct was read Thereupon ordered that the Committee appointed on the 23d Ultimo be dissolved & that Aldn Gilbert & Wool and Mr Janeway be a Committee to examine Mr Smiths Acct & report the same to this Board.

[487] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 14th Day of October 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>Wm Neilson<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Abm P Lott<br>Thos Hazard | Esqrs Aldn | Thos Ten Eyck<br>Jno Van Dyk<br>Jno Young<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Tobias Van Zandt |

Assists

His Excellency the Governor by & with the advice & Consent of the Council of Appointment having been pleased to reappoint The honble James Duane Esqr to the Office of Mayor &c &c of this City for the ensuing Year: Mr Mayor attended by the Recorder Aldermen, Clerk & Constables went from the City Hall to the Residence of His Excelcy the Governor & in his presence took the Oaths by the Charter of this City prescribed & directed And being returned to the Hall after the ringing of three Bells & Proclamation made for silence the Mayors Commission was published.

[488] Mr Mayor & the Aldermen then returned to the Common

Council Chamber &, after taking and subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office as by Law is directed & prescribed before Robert Benson Esq[r] Clerk of this City & in the Commission of Dedimus Potestatem named, administered to the several Officers following the Oaths of Allegiance & of Office in & by the Charter of this City & the Laws of this State is directed & prescribed

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| Benjamin Blagge<br>Abraham P Lott<br>Nicholas Bayard<br>William W Gilbert<br>William Neilson<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>Thomas Hazard | Esq[rs] Aldermen | Thomas Ten Eyck<br>Abraham Van Gelder<br>George Janeway<br>John Van Dyck<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>John Young | Assistants |

Daniel Phœnix, Treasurer or Chamberlain who produced the Bond for the due execution of his Office which was approved & filed.

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| John Bancker<br>William Deane<br>John Oothout<br>Coenrad W Ham<br>Joseph Hallet<br>George Schmelzer | John H Kip<br>W[m] Goforth<br>Rob[t] Boyd<br>Mathew Buys<br>Geo. Dominick<br>Lawrence Benson<br>W[m] Dyckman | Assessors |
| [489] W[m] Gilbert<br>James Van Brackel<br>W[m] Hardenbrook<br>Andrew McGown | Tho[s] Lefoy<br>Aaron Gilbert<br>Dan[l] Tier | Collectors |

Thomas White, High Constable

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| James Van Brackel<br>Peter Hulick<br>John Fleming<br>Hessel Pim | Jn[o] Rains<br>Henry Burtsell<br>John Deitz | Constables |

Nicholas Bogert being returned an Assessor for the West Ward & offering to the Board satisfactory Evidence of his inability; by reason of bodily Infirmity, to execute the Office of an Assessor was excused from serv[s] & discharged Elijah Price Collector for the South Ward & Elijah Price & W[m] Grinding Constables for the said Ward—Edward McHugo & Jn[o] Van North Constables for the Dock Ward—Lewis Harrington, Constable for the East Ward—Tho[s] Kennedy Constable for the West Ward—David Fick Constable for Montgomerie Ward & Lewis A Gautier Constable for the Bowery Division of the Out Ward, being neither Freemen of this City, nor freeholders in their respective Wards, were declared ineligable to the said Offices.

John P Waldron elected & returned a Constable for the Harlem Division having been summoned, as appears by the Evidence on Oath

of the City Marshal, to attend this Day & take the Oaths [490] prescribed by Law, not only neglecting to attend; but returning to the said Marshal in answer to the said Summons an indecent & disrespectful Message that he would neither attend this Board nor accept or execute the said Office of Constable, It was ordered by the Board that he pay a fine of Ten Pounds. And that an Election be held in the said Ward on Tuesday the 24th Octr Inst, of a Constable for the Harlem Division And also that Elections be held on the same Day in the several other Wards of Officers to fill the several Vacancies which have taken place as aforesaid

The following Persons were admitted & sworn as Freemen of this City & ordered to be registered vizt

Elijah Price—Taylor
Wm Grinding, Brewer
Edward McHugo. Shoemaker
Lewis Harrington— do
Thomas Kennedy, Weaver
Lewis Andrew Gautier, farmer
James Whitlock—Taylor
John Fleming, Shoemaker
Ephraim Ross Weaver
Benj. McDowl, Shoemaker
William Willis—Hatter
James Graison, farmer
James K Delaplaine, Watchmaker
Bernard C Schuyler, Blacksmith
James Irvin, Farmer
Isaac Doughty, Laborer
George Albert, Laborer
John Wessels—Boatman
James King, Laborer
John Crytser Tanner
Saml Chandler, Laborer

[491] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday Octr 18th 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Abm P Lott
Wm W Gilbert
Jer. Wool
Nichs Bayard
Thomas Hazard
Wm Neilson
} Esqrs Aldn

Tobias Van Zandt
Jno Van Dyck
John Young
Abm Van Gelder
} Assistts

Henry Lines, & James Purdy laborers, were admitted & sworn freemen of this City & ordered to be registered

Ordered that Aldn Hazard & Messrs Van Zandt & Young be appointed to the several Committees to which their respective Predecessors in Office were appointed.

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Hazard & Mr Van Zandt be the standing Committee to audit all Accts (against this Corporation) which may be produced for payment

Mr Mayor informed the Board that himself & several of the Members of this Board had been served with Copies of an original Writt issued out of the Court of Chancery agt this Corporation to answer a certain Debt due on Bond from this Corporation to Mr Benjamin Winthrop.

Ordered that Mr Recorder be requested to take the necessary legal Measures to defend this Corporation agt the said Suit.

[492] A written Message from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell was read informing that Mr Samuel Francklin one of the said Commissioners, for satisfactory Reasons to them assigned, had declined serving any longer, Wherefore the said Commissioners had nominated Mr Elias Nixen to fill the vacancy & request that he may be appointed in his stead

Ordered that Mr Elias Nixsen be appointed a Commissioner of the Alms House & Bridewell in the stead of Mr Saml Francklin accordingly

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist, of the North Ward direct such Repairs to the Well & Pump at the New Dutch Church as may be necessary

Ordered that the Clerk publish an Advertizement that the Corporation will contract for keeping in Repair the public Wells & Pumps in this City & that proposals will be received until the fifteenth of Novr next

On reading a Petition of Jno Bonsall

Ordered that he be permitted to sink a Block in front of the Wharf opposite the Lots purchased by him from Mr James Barclay & that on his compleating the same Block & making the Street on the Wharf in front of his said Lot of the same breadth with the Street in the front of the Lots on the Corporation Wharf North thereof he be permitted to occupy the Ground in the Street in front of and adjoining to his said Lot upon the same Line with the Lots on the Corporation Wharf aforesaid

[493] Ordered that Aldn Hazard be added to the Committee on the Subject of the Hucksters

The Committee appointed to examine & report on the Treasurers Books & Accounts delivered in the follows Report which was approved by the Board. vizt

"The Committee appointed to examine the Books of the Treasurer report that they have attended that Business, That they find the several Ballances Agreeable to the within Stated Account, That there is a Ballance in favor of the Treasurer on the Settlement of the City Cash

Account of £4269:1:4, The Tax for the present Year being now Collecting and not yet settled is not carried to that Account, There has been paid into the Hands of the Treasurer the sum of £4914:9:8 as part of the Last Tax which will leave a Ballance of £645:8:4 in his hands, out of which ballance he has Advanced to the order of the Gentlemen appointed on Committee to Superintend the several Works now Carrying on the Sum of £412:13:11 for which no Warrants have been issued, The Accounts of the different Workmen not having been brought in, nor the works Compleated

New York October 10. 1786.

Wm W. Gilbert
Jno Van Dyk } Committee
Thos Ten Eyck

The Account referred to in the said Report togethe[r] with a general Acct of the State of the Treasury & of the outstanding Debts were also produced which were read & filed.

The Clerk according to the Orders of the 15th of June last produced to the Board the engrossed [494] Grants from this Corporation to Robert Watts Esqr of the Water Lot on the East side of the Fly Market Slip & to Cary Ludlow Esqr of the Water Lot at Burnets Key; which were respectively read & approved of by the Board

Ordered the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Grants that Mr Mayor subscribe them on behalf of this Board & that on the Pa[r]ties executing the counterparts the Grants be delivered to them

Agreed that each Member of this Board do give his punctual Attendance at every Meeting or be subject to a fine of four Shillgs for coming a Quarter of an Hour too late & eight Shillings for total absence unless a satisfactory excuse be assigned.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to advance Wm Smith on Acct of Repairs to the Wells & Pumps £150:—:— & to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts—vizt

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| No 208 issued | | |
| N. 209 | George Johnson for Building a Brestwork a Cross the whitehall Slip | £80:—:— |
| 210 | Chimney Office for sweeping the Chimneys in the New Goal Bridewell & City Hall | 3:13:— |
| 211 | Thomas Gilbert as Clerk at the Election in the Dock ward | 1:—:— |
| 212 | John W Gilbert Do in the South ward | 1:—:— |
| 213 | Curtiss and Smith Do in the Out ward | 1:—:— |
| 214 | Fleming and Roome Do in the North ward | 1:—:— |
| 215 | John Quackenbos Do in the Out ward | 1:—:— |
| 216 | Marinus Willett Esqr for Numbering the Inhabitants in the City | 47:7:— |

[495] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday Nov[r] 1[st] 1786

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Thomas Hazard<br>Jer. Wool<br>Wm Neilson<br>Abm P Lott<br>Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Corns C Roosevelt<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Jno Van Dyck | Assistants |

The follow[g] Persons were admitted as sworn freemen & ordered to be registered viz[t]

John Anderson—Marriner Ralph Hodge—Barber
John Martin—White Smith

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants of the Out Ward praying a Grant of a Part of the Piece of Ground lying between the Post & Bloomingdale Roads near the three Mile Stone, for the purpose of erecting a School House thereon; was read & referred to Ald[n] Gilbert & Lott & M[r] Van Zandt

A Petition of several Butchers resident in the Bowery Lane praying that they may be permitted to Slaughter Cattle on their own Land on their pay[g] the Keeper of the Slaughter House his Fees; was read & referred to Ald[n] Hazard & M[r] Van Zandt & M[r] Roosevelt

A Petition of William Moore Huybert Van Wagenen & others praying the Board to determine on their Petition in opposition to the grant to W[m] Malcom Esq[r] of the Strip of Ground on the side of his House & Lot at Beekmans Slip; [496] was read And thereupon it was Ordered that the Clerk furnish M[r] Malcom with Copies of the said Petitions & that he notify the Parties that they will be heard next Wednesday Week.

A Petition of Isaac Stoutenburgh Jun[r] & others Proprietors of Land at Corlaers Hook praying a Grant of the Soil under Water opposite to their respective Lots; was read & referred to Ald[n] Bayard & Mess[rs] Roosevelt & Young

On Motion of Ald[n] Hazard Ordered that all Accounts against this Corporation, for any Work done or Materials found, under the Direction of a Committee of this Board be first examined by such Committee & by them reported & certified to the Auditors.

It being suggested that many of the public Wells & Pumps were out of order & that M[r] Smith's time by his Contract for keeping them in repair was expired.

Ordered that, until a New Contract for the ensuing Year be entered into, the Ald$^{n}$ & Assistants direct the public Wells & Pumps in their respective Wards to be repaired by such Persons as they shall think proper.

Ordered that the Treasurer be requested to purchase an Iron Stove for the Watch House

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue a Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to advance Rinier Skaats the Sum of £18 to be by him disposed of in purchasing fire Wood for the Watch House & Court Room

[497] Returns of the Elections in the several Wards pursu$^{t}$ to the Order of the 14$^{th}$ of October last were received from which it appears that the following Persons were elected viz$^{t}$

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| Elijah Price | Collector | South Ward |
| William Grinding, Elijah Price | Constables | South Ward |
| John Wessels, Edward M$^{c}$Hugo | Constables | Dock Ward |
| Barent Newkerk | Constable | East Ward |
| Jacob Pozer, | Constable | Montgomy Wd |
| Lewis A Gautier, Abraham Bussing | Constables | Out Ward |

Who severally appeared & (except Jacob Pozer) took & subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance & of Office as by Law is directed.

Jacob Pozer being called informed the Board that, altho' he was chearfully disposed to execute the Duties of the Office of a Constable, yet it would so materially interfere with his Business of a Baker which he followed for the Support of his family that he could not possibly serve in the Office & therefore declined serving.

Jacobus Lefferts (elected an Assessor for the North Ward at the late Election on the 29$^{th}$ of Sept$^{r}$ last) attended & complained to the Board that however willing he was to do his Duty as a faithfull Citizen yet that as he had served two Years successively in the said Office he conceived it an hardship to take upon him the arduous Business this Year & therefore declined serving

[498] The Board accordingly took into consideration the Cases of M$^{r}$ Pozer & M$^{r}$ Lefferts. And thereupon Ordered that they be fined for refusing to serve in the said respective Offices to which they were elected each in the Sum of five Shillings.

Ordered that Elections be held in the North & Montgomerie Wards on Friday the 10$^{th}$ Instant of an Assessor in the stead of M$^{r}$ Lefferts & of a Constable in the stead of M$^{r}$ Pozer

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to

pay to the following persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acctˢ Vizᵗ

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| Abraham Van Gelder for Lighting the City lamps from the 26 Septᵗʳ to yᵉ 26 Octʳ 1786 | £29:17: 4 |
| Dᵒ Dᵒ from 26 Augᵗ to 26 Septʳ 1786 | 30: 1: 4 |
| Peter Van Deursen, as Clerk of the Ellection in the South ward | 1:—:— |
| William Smith for repairing the Public pumps of the City | 280: 2:10 |
| Egbert Steenbrak for one Quarter of a Year as Scavenger of the South ward | 3:15:— |
| Lodewick Miller for repairing a Well in Crown Street | 3:10:— |
| Elijah Wedge for one Quarter of a Year as Public Cryer of the City | 6: 5:— |
| Andrew Thompson for paveing the Streets in Different parts of the City | 436:10: 4 |
| Robert Boyd for Making an Iron Door for the Goal | 28: 9: 3 |
| Josiah Curtis for Serving as Clerk at Election in the Out ward | 1:—:— |
| Matthew Raynor for Mending the Public Lamps of the City | 5:12: 9 |

[499] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House of the said City on Monday Novʳ 6th 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqʳ Mayor
Richard Varick Esqʳ Recorder

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| Wᵐ W Gilbert<br>Nichˢ Bayard<br>Abᵐ P Lott<br>Jeremʰ Wool<br>Thomas Hazard | Esqʳˢ Aldⁿ | Jnᵒ Van Dyck<br>Thomas Ten Eyck<br>George Janeway<br>Abᵐ Van Gelder<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>John Young | Assistˢ |

Ordered that Aldⁿ Gilbert Mʳ Ten Eyck & Mʳ Janeway be a Committee to examine and report on the Acctˢ of the Commissʳˢ of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter

The Board then accompanied by the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell proceeded to examine the State of the two Houses

The Board being returned the Committee reported that they had carefully examined the Acctˢ of the Commissioners of both Houses with the Vouchers attending & that they appeared just & right.

Ordered that Mʳ Skaats be appointed to collect the Fines from the delinquent Members

An Estimate of the Commissioners of the Alms Hᵒ & Bridewell for the ensuing Quarter amounting to £1000 for the Alms House & £200 for the Bridewell was read & approved. Ordered that Mʳ [500]

Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the Commissioners the said two Sums accordingly

Some of the sick Inhabitants in the Alms having complained of a want of Attention towards them by the Doctor Ordered that Aldn Wool Hazard & Bayard be a Committee to enquire into & report on the Subject

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Doctor Vacher the Sum of £5:8/ for Medicine & Attendance to Mary Allen a Servant of James Brewster & the further Sum of £3:4/ for the like to Cornelius Roome a Pauper & that the Treasurer demand of Mr Brewster a repayment of the said Sum as also the Sum of £3:11/ for her subsistence in the Alms House 71 Days. Ordered further that he demand of Lewis D Flynn payment for his subsistence & Doctors Bill while he labored under the venerial Decease in the Alms House.

issued

Ordered the like to pay Lewis A Gautier Constable the Sum of £1:13:6 for conveying Paupers out of the City & the further Sum of £1:6 for going to Westchester County for Witnesses by order of the Court of Oyer & Terminer

Ordered the like to pay the follows Constables & Marshalls the follows Sums for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell from the 1st of Augt to the 1st November.

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| Wm Sloo | 0: 3:— | Thos Kennedy | 0:15:— |
| Henry Birdsall | 2:14:— | James Whitlock | 0: 9:— |
| Lewis Harrington | 1: 1:— | James Campbell | 0: 3:— |
| John Faulkner | 0:12:— | Thos White H. Cons. | 0: 9:— |
| John Stagg | 0: 9:— | Elijah Price | 0: 6:— |
| Peter Hulick | 1: 7:— | Wm Birdsell | 0:15:— |
| John Dietz | 1:10:— | Jas Van Brackel | 0:12:— |
| John Reins | 0: 9:— | Wm Willis | 0:12:— |
| Benj. McDowl | 2:11:— | Bernd Schuyler | 0: 3:— |
| James Irvin | 0:12:— | Hugh Montgomery | 0: 3:— |
| Wm Grinding | 1: 4:— | David Fick | 0:15:— |
| Lewis A Gautier | 0:18:— | Jas Delaplaine | 0: 3:— |

Ordered that the allowance in future for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell be 2/6 pr Head

[501] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 15th Novr 1786 at the City Hall of the sd City

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder |
| Abm P Lott | | Geo. Janeway |
| Thomas Hazard | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Nichs Bayard | | John Young |
| Jeremh Wool | | Thos Ten Eyck |
| | | John Van Dyk |

George Titler, Cabinet maker John Webster Laborer admitted & sworn freemen of this City & ordered to be registered

A Letter from Dr Thos Atwood to Mr Mayor on the Subject of a Lot of Ground at Inchlambergh was read & the consideration postponed.

A Petition of several Bakers praying that they may be permitted by their Servants & Apprentices carry & expose to sale about the Streets of this City, Cookeys Rusk &c was read. Ordered that the prayer of the said Petition could not be granted

A Petition of John Watts on behalf of the Proprietors of the Estate of Sir Peter Warren decd praying a Grant of the Water Lot at the North River on the Terms prayed for by Messrs Niven & McComb; was read & granted

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Lott & Mr Van Gelder be a Committee to consider of & report the Quit Rent which ought to be reserved thereon

[502] A Petition of Francis I'Ans accompanied by a Letter of Atty from Nichs Fletcher empowerg Mr I'Ans to receive the amount of the Sales of the Improvements on Lots No 19 & 20 after deducting the Rent due to the Corporation was read.

issued to Mr I'Ans. Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Mr I'Ans as Atty to Mr Fletcher the Sum of £144:4 being the Amt (after deducting the Rent due to the Corporation) of the Sales of the Improvemts on the said two Lots No 19 & 20.

Ordered that Mr Skaats caused a Lamp to be fixed on the Stairs, in this City Hall, leading to the Bellfry

Returns of an Election in the North Ward of an Assessor & in Montgomerie Ward of a Constable purst to the Order of the 1st Inst by which it appears that John Faulkner was duly elected Constable

for Montgomerie Ward & that Gerardus Duyckink was duly elected Assessor for the North Ward—were respectively read & approved

John Faulkner appearing took the Oaths by Law directed But Gerardus Duyckinck (as appears by a Letter to Mr Mayor) refused to appear & take the Oaths, alledging that his Age & Infirmity of Body would not permit his executing the Office of an Assessor.

Whereupon it was ordered that he pay a fine of five pounds & that an Election be held in the North Ward of an Assessor in his stead.

Ordered that the Clerk notify Mrs Barclay & David Morris that unless she immediately pays the Expence of filling & paving the Street in front of her Lots in Roosevelts Street & that unless he cause the Street in front of his Lot in [503] Dye Street this Board will purst to Law direct the sd Lots to be taken into possession & let out for the paymt of the Expence attending the fillg & paving the same.

By the late Alteration of Greenwich Street the Lot of Mrs Baldwin having been reduced to a small triangular Piece of Ground & She being a Poor Woman & this Board conceiving that she will be entitled to compensation for Loss of Ground—Ordered that the Alderman & Assistant of the West Ward direct the sd Lot to be filled up & the Street in front thereof paved at the Corporation Expence, in the first instance, & to be deducted from the Sum which may be hereafter allowed her for compensation as aforesaid.

Agreable to the Order of this Board & the Advertizement in the News Papers, Proposals of William Smith & Simon Kiersted were recd for keeping in Repair the public Wells & Pumps in this City When those of Mr Kiersted were found to be most reasonable Whereupon the Board agreed with Mr Kiersted to keep in Repair the sd Wells & Pumps for the Term of one Year for the Sum of £120. Ordered that Mr Mayor be requested to assist the Clerk in drawg Articles of Agreemt for the purpose between this Corporation & Mr Kiersted and that Mr Mayor sign the same on behalf of this Board

[504] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the following persons the following Sums in full of their Respective Accts Vizt

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| To Edward Blagge as Clerk of the Election in Montgomory ward | £2:—:— |
| Elijah Wedge & Isaac Peffer for four Munths Wages as Scavengers | 20:—:— |
| Thomas Gilbert as Clerk of the Election in the Dock ward | 1:—:— |
| Abraham H Martlings & Peter Seaman for 19 Cargoes of Stone Deliver'd at the Corporation wharfs | 47:10:— |
| John Goodeve for a Box Candles | 3: 1: 3 |
| Rynier Skaats for Services as City Marshall and Extra Services from the 15th Augt to 15th Novr | 11:—:— |

[505] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday Decr 13th 1786

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Wm Neilson<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Thos Hazard<br>Jerh Wool<br>Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Cornl C Roosevelt<br>Jno Young<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Jno Van Dyck | Assists |

The Treasurer presented to the Board an Affidavit of Robt Livingston Esqr taken before a Justice of the Peace in the County of Albany on the Subject of the Quit Rent which became due during the late War. Ordered that the Treasurer do accept of the said Affidavit in like manner as if the same had been taken before an Alderman in this City the Resolutions of this Board to the contrary notwithstanding.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt—"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Beekman & others praying an exemption from the Charge of the Drain through Wall Street Do report that the said Drain from Queen Street to the middle of Water Street appears at present to be for the sole [506] use & benefit of the Petitioners & Inhabitants of Wall Street & Queen Street and therefore ought to be supported by those who reap that benefit Novr 17th 1786

W. Neilson
Thos Hazard
Geo. Janeway
Jno Young

The follows Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt " Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob J Arden & others praying for the Privilege of slaughtering Cattle at their own Slaughter Houses, have taken the same into consideration & find that a Contract was about two Years ago entered into between this Board & James Blanchard that agreable to the said Contract all Cattle shall be slaughtered in the public slaughtering House & the Keeper of the said Slaughter House receive for every Head of Cattle so slaughtered the Sum of eighteen Pence Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that should the prayer of the said Petition be granted it would operate injurious to said Blanchard & be an infringement of said Contract:

They do therefore report that the prayer of the said Petition ought not to be granted. Novr 21st 1786

Thos Hazard
Wm W Gilbert
Tobias Van Zandt

[507] A Petition of several of the Inhabitants complaining against the practice of the Butchers in bleeding their Cattle previous to killing them was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert Mr Van Gelder Mr Van Zandt and Mr Young.

On reading a Petition of Abm Fincher & on a Suggestion that there were many Poor families in distress who unless some small Relief be afforded them in this inclement Season must be sent to the Poor House which is already very much crowded—Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay to the Aldn of the respective Wards the follows Sums to be by them disposed of in their respective Wards towards the Relief of the indigent Persons & families & to report to the Board an Acct of the expenditure vizt—The Aldn of the South Ward £12—of the Dock Wd £8—of the East Wd £8 of the West Wd £18—of the North Wd £18—of Montgy Wd £20 & of the Out Wd £16

Ordered that Mr Mayor Issue his warrant on the Treasurer, to pay the following persons the following Sums in full of their respective Accts Vizt

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| Elias Burger for Sinking a wharf at Pecks Slip according to agreement | £70:—:— | |
| Do Building a Dock at Beekmans Slip | 82:12:— | |
| | | £152:12:— |
| Daniel Pheenix for Sundry Disbur[se]ments at *at* Beekmans & Peck's Slips | | 386: 9:10 |
| John Roe for one Quarter Sallery as Schavinger in the Dock ward | | 3:15:— |
| [508] John Stagg for repairs done to the Old and new Magazine's | | £11: 8: 1½ |
| Do...for Building an Arch Bridge at Bestever Killitye | | 61: 6: 9 |
| | | £72:14:10½ |
| David Waldron for repairing the Roads and Kings Bridge | | 70:12: 6 |
| John Bancker for repairs at the long Bridge &c before the war | | 53:16: ½ |
| Cornelius Bradford for Sundries to a Committee at the Coffee House | | 1: 3:— |
| James Greerson for Do at his house | | 6:—:— |
| Samuel Fleming for his Service as Clerk at two Elections in the N: Wd for Assessor | | 2:—:— |

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| Cortland Van Beuren for one Hhd, Oil..... | £12:17: 6 |
| Murray Mumford & Co. for 4 Casks Oil..... | 25:11: 2 |
| Benjn Hussey for nine Casks Oil..... | 78:17: 3 |

It being represented to the Board that in consequence of the great fall of Snow many of the Streets were become impassable with Carriages & that in Case of a fire breaking out the Engines could not be transported to the Places where they might be wanted Whereupon the Board passed the following Law or Ordinance & ordered the same to be published in the several News Papers of this City vizt

"A Law requiring the Inhabitants to cause the Snow in the several Streets of this City to be levelled"

[509] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Wednesday 27th Decr 1786

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Nichs Bayard<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Abm P Lott<br>Thos Hazard | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Jno Young<br>Jno Van Dyck<br>Geo. Janeway | Assists |

David Skaats—Laborer Ezekiel De Camp Do admitted & sworn freemen of this City & ordered to be registered.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be as follows until the further Order of this Board vizt

Assize of Bread
A wheaten loaf of fine Flour to weigh two Pounds for Six pence.
A loaf of like Flour to weigh one pound two & an half Ounces for four Coppers.

A Petition of James Blanchard offering for the Reasons & on the Terms therein mentioned to surrender his Lease of the Slaughter House; was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of Walter Heyer praying to be appointed a Packer of Beef & Pork & a Culler of Staves &c was read

Ordered that he be appointed accordingly

[510] The Committee to whom was referred the Mode of adjusting the Accts between the Corporation & the Inhabitants in Wall Street reported "that the Inhabitants fronting the Pavement ought to pay in the same Proportion as at other public Slips and the Residue become chargeable to the Corporation;" which being taken into Consideration The Board came to the following Resolutions on the Subject vizt

Resolved, that the proprietors of Houses and Lots of Ground fronting Wall Street, from the Middle of Queen Street to the Middle of Front Street, are bound to pay for the filling in and paving of Wall Street, opposite to their respective Houses and Lots, And that the Corporation is not chargeable for any part thereof.

Resolved, that the Corporation are bound to pay for building the Common Sewer from and including the Grates on the East side of Water Street to the East River.

Resolved that the Corporation are bound to pay for filling in and paving the lower end of Water Street, in Length from the middle of Front Street to the Wharf and in Breadth from the Gutter on the East side to the Gutter on the West side of the lower end of Wall Sreet and no further, And that the proprietors of the Houses and Lots opposite to the Residue of Wall Street below Water Street are bound to pay for covering and paving over the Residue.

On Motion of M$^{r}$ Recorder the Board came to the follow$^{g}$ Resolutions viz$^{t}$

[511] Whereas considerable Sums of Money, both principal & interest are now due & accruing by this Corporation to several Citizens of this City & others And whereas this Board are disposed to make provision as well for the early payment of the Interest in arrear and for the punctual Discharge of such Interest as shall from time to time become due, as in some Measure to reduce the Principal Sums. Therefore resolved that from & after the first Day of January next all the Monies now due and to be received for the Corporation on Bonds or for Rents in arrear, for Wharfage or Market Fees from any Person or Persons whomsoever And also Monies to become due & be received after the first Day of January next for Rents Wharfage or Market Fees, be appropriated for the sole purpose of paying off the interest due or to become due & for reducing the principal Sums due from this Corporation as aforesaid And the more effectually to carry these Resolutions into execution that the Treasurer retain in his hands all the Monies to be received by him in manner aforesaid subject to the special Order only of this Board.

[512] Resolved that the Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer Authorizing him on the orders of Andrew Thompson Jun$^{r}$ to pay to the several persons hereafter Named the Sums set opposite to their respective Names And that he take a Note of hand from the said Andrew Thompson Jun$^{r}$ for the whole Amount payable to the Corporation on Demand, that is to say, In favour of,

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| John Dunlap for | £1: 8:— |
| Peter Westervelt | 6: 3:— |
| Harmanus Blauvelt | —: 5:— |
| Hugh Smith | 7:16:— |
| Albert Amerman | 19: 3:— |
| William Cunning | 1: 5:— |
| John Foot | 18: 4:— |
| John Craig & Isaac Willcock | 4:10:— |
| Michael Hall | 1:16:— |
| Robert Smith | 6:—:— |
| John Smith | 5: 1:— |
| Joseph Ransom | 10: 7:— |
| David Demorest | 2: 6:— |
| David Demorest Junr | 2: 1:— |
| Christopher Romine | 9: 3:— |
| Wright Carpenter | 8: 3:— |
| Thomas Tomkins | 2:10:— |
| Peter Cyphers | 3:12:— |
| John Johnson | 2:15:— |
| Joseph Hallett | 48: 6:— |
| Eleazer Little | 11:17: 7 |
| John Fash | 18:18:— |
| Andrew Thompson Junr | 253:11:10 |
| | £445: 1: 5 |

[513] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Accounts. viz$^{t}$

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| William J Elsworth for superintending the Fire Engines and repairs | £79: 9: 7 |
| Abijah Wells for Six Months Sallary as Scavenger, for the West Ward | 10: 0: 0 |
| William Smith for keeping in repair the pumps of the City of New York, Six Months from the first of May 1786. to the first of November following | 70: 0: 0 |
| Samuel Ellis Junr for Timber delivered to Mr Elias Burger | 10: 4: 9 |
| Wright Carpenter for 1 Quarter Sallary as Scavenger of the North Ward | 5:—:— |
| John Nichols for 6 Stoves with Tests & handles | 1:10:— |
| Joseph Kingsland for Timber and Plank deld to Elias Burger for the use of the Corporation | 23: 7: 2 |
| John Crom for two Load of Stone delivered in the Corporation Dock North River | 5:—:— |
| Henry Shute for Repairs done on the high way and Bridge at Bloomingdale | 172:12: 3 |
| John Midwinter for Bolts and Iron work delivered to Mr E Burger for the public Work at Pecks Slip Beekmans Slip & North River | 46:14: 5½ |
| Abraham Van Gelder for Lighting the City Lamps from the 26 of October to the 26. November 1786 | 29:19:— |

[514] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday the 3[d] Day of January 1787

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Wm Neilson | Esqrs Aldn | Thomas Ten Eyck |
| Thos Hazard | | Abm Van Gelder |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Nichs Bayard | | John Van Dyck |
| Jer. Wool | | Corns C Roosevelt |
| | | Geo. Janeway |

Assists

The Board being informed that in the Night of Thursday last the new Magazine had been broken open & that a quantity of Gun Powder (which belonged to several Merchants) was stolen thereout And also that within a few Nights several of the public Pumps had been impaired, by some evil minded Persons, by putting stones in some & injuring the Iron Work &[c] of others.

Ordered that advertizements be put in the News Papers offering a Reward of fifty Dollars to any Person who shall apprehend & prosecute to conviction the Person or Persons who broke open the Magazine & stole the Powder—And twenty five Dollars to any Person who shall discover and give Evidence to conviction ag[t] the Person or Persons who impaired the public Pumps as aforesaid

[515] Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay the follow[g] Persons the follow[g] Sums in full of their respective Acc[ts] viz[t]

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| Egbt Steenbruck for his last Qr Salary as Scavenger of the So Wd | £3:15:— |
| Jno Roe for the like in the Dock Wd | 3:15:— |
| Andrew Thompson for Mason Work & Materials at Pecks Slip | 6:14: 1½ |
| Jacob Mesier & Thos Lafoy as Clerks at the late Election West Wd | 2:—:— |
| John McBain for Blacksmith's Work at the North River Dock | 11: 7: 3 |

[516] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 17[th] Jan[y] 1787

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Geo. Janeway |
| Thos Hazard | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder |
| Jer. Wool | | John Van Dyck |
| | | Thos Ten Eyck |

Assists

It being suggested to the Board that by the late Improvem[t] to the Wharf at Pecks Slip one or more Lots might be let on very advan-

tageous Terms—Ordered that Aldⁿ Hazard Mʳ Van Zandt & Mʳ Young be a Committee to enquire into the Matter & report to the Board

A Certificate subscribed by Christopher Colles certifying "that there was due to John Campbell for Pantiles for the covering of the Engine House at the Water Works" a ballᶜᵉ of £3:8:6" was read & referred to Aldⁿ Lott Mʳ Ten Eyck & Mʳ Janeway.

A Petition of Thomas White High Constable praying an Allowance for his Services; was read & referred to Aldⁿ Wool Mʳ Van Dyck & Mʳ Ten Eyck.

Aldⁿ Gilbert on behalf of Aldⁿ Blagge presented to the Board a Report on the Petition of [517] Peter P Van Zandt praying a Grant of the Water Lot in front of his House & Lot fronting the East River at Burlings Slip; Ordered that the Consideration be postponed until Wednesday next—That the Clerk notify the Parties concerned thereof & that he bring with him the Petition of the Devisees of David Provoost decᵈ for a grant of part of the said Water Lot & also the Book containᵍ the Grant of part of the said Water Lot to the said David Provoost

A Petition of Frederick Giraud praying to be appointed a Repacker of Beef & Pork & Culler of Staves &ᶜ was read & granted

Ordered that he be appointed accordingˡʸ

The Board being informed that Isaac Labagh formerly appointed to the Office of Packer & Culler had removed from this City into the State of New Jersey where he now resides, that he continues to exercise his said Office there and actually brands the Cask, containing Beef & Pork, by him repacked with his brand Mark as one of the Packers & Cullers of this City notwithstanding his removal as aforesaid.

Thereupon Resolved that the appointment of the said Isaac Labagh as a Packer & Culler within this City be & the same is hereby revoked.

Ordered that the Clerk transmit to him a Copy of the aforegoing & that he cause the same to be publish*ed* in the public News Papers.

[518] The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizᵗ "Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Remsen of the 14ᵗʰ Decʳ 1785 praying a Remission of Quit Rent of an Estate situate between the Long Bridge & Albany Pier, Report that the said Henry Remsen & Sons, are interested about four tenth parts in said Estate of his late Father Hendrick Remsen: that for said part of said Estate, which is subject to a quit Rent to this Corporation, he nor his Sons has received any profit, income or emolument during the

late War, neither does he or they expect to receive any for any part of the same hereafter, except for a Store House, which his Brother George & his Brotherinlaw Jeronimus Remsen, found Means to obtain leave to occupy during the late War—Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that the said Henry in Equity is entitled to a Remission of four tenth parts of two thirds of the said quit Rent amounting to thirty three Pounds eight Shillings & ten Pence and that said Henry, obtain a Warrant signed by Mr Mayor directing the Chamberlain to pay the same, the said having been paid by his Brother George, contrary to his request

Jany 15th 1787

Thos Hazard
Wm W Gilbert

The following Report was then also read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

"Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mangel Minthorn praying Compensation for the Damage done to his House on Lot [519] No 112 in Chatham Street in consequence of a Regulation by the Board of that Street previous to the late War. Report that by an Order of the then Board, his Neighbours who were also injured by the said Regulation were compensated and that the Petitioner has not received any are therefore of Opinion that he receive a Warrant signed by Mr Mayor to the amount of thirty two Pounds which is the Sum was then paid.

Jany 17th 1787

Wm W Gilbert
Abm Van Gelder

Ordered that Daniel Bayleys (vice Peter Shop) and Thomas Drake (vice Peleg Seaman both resign'd be appointed firemen of Engine No 2. And that John Ross (vice John Philips for neglect of Duty & Isaac Crummel (vice John P Voorheis gone to Sea) be appointed firemen of Engine No 4.

It being suggested to the Board that encroachments were daily made on the *fresh Water Pond & that filth & Dirt was thrown into it by Persons residing & owning Ground there

Ordered that Aldn Wool & Gilbert & Messrs Van Gelder Janeway & Van Zandt be a Committee to examine into the Matter & report to the Board

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts viz$^{t}$

*Marginal note reads *Collect.*—Ed.

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| Anthony Post for Carpenters Work & Materials | £41: 7: 3 |
| Elijah Wedge City Cryer 1 Qr Salary | 6: 5:— |
| [520] Barnt Martlings for a Spar to the Corporation Wharf at the North River | £2:—:— |
| Isaac Meade for Sleds for transports the fire Engines in the Snow | 25: 0: 2 |
| Henry Burtsel & Co for conveying Hogs to the Alms House | 6:16:— |
| Elias Burger for repairs the North River Wharf & sinking a Wharf | 93: 2:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 24th Day of Jany 1787

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Jerh Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| Thos Hazard | | John Van Dyck | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Abm P Lott | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Wm Neilson | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Corns C Roosevelt | |

This being the Day appointed for the Consideration of the Report on the Case of Peter P Van Zandt & the Board being informed that the Counsel employed by the Parties were not prepared for the Hearing the Consideration of the Subject was further postponed until Wednesday next

[521] Aldn Gilbert from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition complaining of the Practice of the Butchers in bleeding Cattle reported a Law for the purpose which was passed & is as follows vizt

A Supplementary Law to the Law Entitled "A Law to establish and regulate the public Slaughter House within this City—passed the 24th Jany 1787

Whereas the Practice of bleeding Cattle for some time previous to their being slaughtered is conceived not only to be injurious to the meat, but the great Collection of Blood occasioned thereby in the Inclosures or other places where such Cattle are bled becomes offensive & injurious to the Health of the Inhabitants of this City; for the prevention whereof

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty &c

That from and after the Publication hereof no Butcher or other Person shall bleed any neat Cattle, Calf, Sheep or Lamb, intended for the Market, until they are Slaughtered for that purpose; And in Case any Butcher or other person shall be guilty of a Breach of this Law, he shall forfiet forty shillings for each Offence to be recovered with Costs of Suit by any Person who will Sue for the same; the one half

of the said forfieture, when recovered, to be paid to the Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City, for the use of the Poor thereof, & the other half thereof to the person who will sue for the Same

[522] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday Jan$^{y}$ 31$^{st}$ 1787

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Rich$^{d}$ Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Ab$^{m}$ P Lott | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Tho$^{s}$ Ten Eyck | Assist$^{s}$ |
| Tho$^{s}$ Hazard | | Jn$^{o}$ Young | |
| Nich$^{s}$ Bayard | | Geo. Janeway | |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | Jn$^{o}$ Van Dyck | |
| W$^{m}$ Neilson | | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder | |
| Jer. Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| | | Corn$^{s}$ C Roosevelt | |

Charles Van Norden Benjamin Lawrence Peter Van Bomel were severally admitted & sworn free Men of the City

The Board proceeded to the Consideration of the Report of the Committee, on the Petition of Peter P Van Zandt; which is as follows viz$^{t}$

" The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Van Zandt, Report That, by the Plan & Survey of Burlings Slip, it appears that after granting to the Petitioner the twenty Six feet, making a front equal to the Width of his Lot on the North side of Water Street, there will remain, a Street of seventy feet nine Inches Wide; which in the Opinion of your Committee is abundantly spacious & convenient for every public purpose And as it further appears to your Committee that front Street ought to be continued to the Eastward of Burling Slip [523] it will therefore be necessary to provide for the extending of Piers from Front Street into the East River, so as to form the Slip on that side the said Street; And your Committee do therefore report That M$^{r}$ Van Zandt obtain a Grant of the Lott, fronting his present dwelling House, extending from Water Street to Front Street under the condition of erecting a Pier in the River south of Front Street opposite to his Lot to form the West Side of the Slip and such other Covenants and Reservations as are usual or the Board in their Wisdom shall think necessary; all which is respectfully submitted

B Blagge
W$^{m}$ Malcom
Ab$^{m}$ P Lott

Mr Jno Lawrence & Mr Harrison as Counsel on the part of Mr Van Zandt, & Mr Cozine as Counsel on the part of Mr Jacob Brewerton (proprietor of the adjoining Lot which formerly belonged to David Provoost decd) who opposed the granting of the Petition of Peter Van Zandt, having been heard by the Board on the Subject, it was ordered by the Board that the Opinion of Mr Saml Jones & Mr Alexander Hamilton be had on the Subject & that Aldn Gilbert & Hazard & Mr Young be a Committee to make a State of the Case & apply to those Gentlemen for their Opinion accordingly

[524] The Committee to whom was referred the Certificate of Christopher Colles respects a Ballce of £3:8/ due to John Campbell for Pantiles by him furnished for the fire Engine House at the Water Works previous to the late War—Report it as their Opinion that as no proper Acct or Voucher appears to the Board except the Certificate of Mr Colles Mr Campbell must apply to Mr Colles to have his Acct settled or wait until Mr Colles's Acct with the Corporation is settled

Jany 31st 1787

Abm P Lott
Thos Ten Eyck
Geo: Janeway

Which said Report was read & agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants to the Treasurer to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts

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| Henry Will for making a new Sett of standard Wine Measures.. | £3:—:— |
| James Hill for glazing public Lamps..... | 30:19:— |
| Elizth Mesier for repairs to the Ferry Stairs at the North River. | 25: 9: 6 |
| Walter Heyer for sundry Meetings at his House..... | 12: 6: 6 |

[525] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the Alms House (being the quarterly Meeting) on Monday the 5th Day of feby 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P Lott | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| Jer. Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Thos Hazard | | John Young | |

Ordered that Aldn Hazard Mr Ten Eyck & Mr Janeway be a Committee to audit the Accts of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell.

The Board attended by the Commissioners proceeded to visit the two House[s].

Ald[n] Hazard from the Committee reported that they had examined & audited the Acc[ts] of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell which they found to be right as follows—Expenditures of the Alms House to be £1586:8:9 & of the Bridewell £357:3:0½

Ordered that Ald[n] Gilbert & M[r] Van Gelder be a Committee to treat with M[r] Van Vorst & M[r] Smith concerning the Keeper of the Bridewell's fishing at Powlus Hook

[526] An Estimate of the Commissioners of the Sums necessary for the support of the Alms House & Bridewell for the ensuing Quarter viz[t]

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| for the Alms House | £1000:—:— |
| for the Bridewell | £200:—:— |
| | £1200:—:— |

issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the said Sums to the said Commissioners accordingly

M[r] Mayor laid before the Board an Acc[t] of the n[t] Proceeds of the Fees by him rec[d] as Clerk of the Markets amounting to £583:4:8 sworn to by Ab[m] Van Gelder & Rinier Skaats & examined & audited by the Auditors; which Acc[t] was read & agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor pay the one half of the said Sum into the Treasury for the use of the Corporation & that he retain the other half of the said Sum for his own Use; as an allowance to him as Clerk of the Markets.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] to the Treasurer to pay Evert Bancker Jun[r] the Sum of three Pounds twelve Shill[gs] in full of his Acc[t] for surveying by order of the Ald[n]

[527] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday febʸ 14th 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abm P Lott<br>Wm Neilson<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jer. Wool<br>Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | John Young<br>Thos Ten Eyck<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Jno Van Dyck | Assists |

Assize Flour 40/ P barl

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be as follows until the further Order of this Board vizt

A wheaten Loaf of fine Flour to weigh two Pounds four Ounces for Six Pence

A Loaf of like Flour to weigh one Pound four Ounces for four Coppers.

Aldn Neilson informed the Board that the Night before last a quantity of Combustible Matter with a Brand of fire was discovered in the Yard of Mr Lemontis Noe & that it appeared to have been put there by some wicked Incendiary with design to set fire to the adjacent Buildings—that the Neighbours had subscribed a Paper (which he produced to the Board) engaging to pay the Sums set opposite to their respective Names (amounting in the whole to £50) to any Person who should discover the Perpetrator of the horrid & dangerous Act, & submitted to the Board the propriety of publishing the above Reward with such addition as the Board should [528] think proper to contribute.

Resolved that this Board will in addition to the said Sum of £50 to be paid by the said Subscribers as aforesaid contribute the Sum of twenty Pounds.

Ordered that the Clerk cause the said Reward to be published in the News Papers.

Mr Mayor laid before the Board a Letter with some Papers from Mr Phœnix the Treasurer in which he requests some further Direction as to the paying of Monies on Orders from the Board which appeared in some Measure to counteract their Resolution of the 27th of Decr last appropriating the Revenues of the Corporation to payment of the Interest of Monies taken on loan—Also some further Direction as to the Disposition of the Barracks which were going to ruin for want of Repair & yielded a very trifling Emolument—Among the Papers were an Estimate for the ensuing Year of the Sums required for the Sup-

port of the Poor & public Contingencies of the City and also an Abstract from his Acct from which it appears that the Corporation had expended a very considerable Sum arising from their Revenue in the payment of Contingencies which ought to have been defrayed by public Tax.

After deliberating some time on the first Subject of the Letter it was agreed that the further Consideration thereof be postponed to the next Meetg With respect to second about the Barracks Mr Mayor informed the Board that the Commissioners of the Alms House had represented to him that the Hospital [529] of the House was very much crowded with the sick and that it would be necessary to provide more Room & to that end suggested the propriety of appropriating some part of the Barracks to that use; Whereupon it was ordered that Aldn Lott & the Aldn & Assistants of the West & Out Wards be a Committee to enquire into & report to the Board on the Subject And as to the Estimate delivered in by the Treasurer it was ordered that Aldn Bayard & Neilson & Mr Ten Eyck be a Committee to request the City Members in the Legislature to procure an Act for raising the Monies necessary for the Support of the Poor &c of the City the ensuing Year, and that the said Abstract from the Treasurers Accts be delivered to the City Members that they may be enabled (if necessy to shew the Necessity of the Tax. And (on a Suggestion by Aldn Neilson) it was further ordered that the said Committee prepare a Petition to the Legislature praying a Law for laying a Tax on Seamen similar to that of Greenwich Hospital for the Support of Indigent & distressed Seamen, who should from time to time be unavoidably sent to the Poor Hs

A Petition of several Bakers praying that they may be indulged in vending Rusk Bisketts &c by their Apprentices & Servants in the Streets of this City; was read & referred to Aldn Wool Mr Van Dyck & Mr Young

[530] A Petition of Mangel Minthorn & others praying that a Committee be appointed to regulate the Street or *High Way in front of their respecting Lots in the Out Wd was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the Wd

A Petition of Garret Walgrave praying to be appointed a Packer & Culler, was read

Ordered that he be appointed a Culler of Staves & Heading.

Mr Mayor laid before the Board an Acct of Tavern Licences issued

*Marginal note reads *Bowery road.*—ED.

since the 1st of March last amounts in Number to 364 & that the Fees (@ 30/ each) amount to £546.

Ordered that Mr Mayor retain for his own Use six Shillings & for the Clerk six Shillings for each Licence for their Trouble in making out & issuing the same and that he pay the residue of the said Sum being £327: 12/ into the Treasury for the use of this Corporation.

Aldn Gilbert, for the information of the Board, produced an Acct of the Monies by him recd as Commissioner of Excise since the first Day of March last amounts to £854: 4/ which said Sum (after deducts £60 allowed him by Law for his Services) he had paid into the Treasury of this City

The Board thereupon proceeded to nominate & appoint a Commissioner of Excise for the ensuing Year And William W Gilbert Esqr was unanimously nominated & appointed Commissioner of Excise for this City & County for the ensuing Year accordingly

[531] Mr Ten Eyck represented to the Board that the Treasurer had a Demand against his fathers Estate for Quit Rent due to the Corporation on certain Waters & that he conceived satisfactory Reasons could be offered for an abatement of the said Quit Rent

Ordered that the said Case be referred to Aldn Hazard Mr Van Zandt & Mr Janeway

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Embree & Shotwell the Sum of £158: 4: 9 in full of their Acct of Materials & Labor on Repairs to the Bridewell And the further Sum of £168: 11: 1 for the like on Repairs at the Alms House.

James Blanchard having by his Petition presented on the 27th Decr last offered to the Board to surrender the Lease from this Corporation to him of the Slaughter House by him erected at Corlaers Hook on the follows Terms vizt The Corporation to purchase from him the said Slaughter House for the Sum of £400 & to give him their Bond for the paymt thereof with Interest at 5 P Ct in three Years & to give Mr Blanchard a New Lease of the said Slaughter House for three Years he paying therefor to the Corporation the Yearly Rent of £147 in quarterly payments; And the Board having agreed to Mr Blanchards Proposals. Ordered that a Bond from this Corporation to Mr Blanchard for the said Sum [532] be prepared—that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board And that the Clerk prepare and execute a Lease from this Corporation to Mr Blanchard accordingly And that the said Bond & Lease be delivered to Mr Blanchard on his surrendering the former Lease of the said Slaughter House & executing the counterpart of the present Lease.

City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday feby 28th 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Thomas Hazard<br>Jer. Wool<br>Abm P Lott<br>Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>George Janeway<br>John Young | Assists |

A Petition of John Herttell praying to be appointed a Guager of Liquors, whenever a vacancy shall happen; was read & granted

A Petition of John Bonsall praying a further Grant of the Soil under Water in Hudsons River opposite to his Lot the Corner of Dye Street was read & granted.

[533] Ordered that the Committee appointed to report the Terms on which the Water Lots are [to] be granted to Jno Watts as Atty to the Heirs of Sir Peter Warren decd report the Terms of a grant to Mr Bonsall

Ordered that Aldn Lott & Mr Janeway be a Committee with the Treasurer to enquire into & report the Leases of the Lots which are expired or near expiring

Ordered that such of the Vagrants confined in Bridewell as are fit to work out of Doors be employed to collect the Street Dirt & spread it on the Commons in front of the Alms House to manure the Ground & prepare it for sowing Grass Seed

Aldn Gilbert signified to the Board his Desire of being discharged from the Committee for auditing the Accts exhibited agt this Corporation from time to time for payment—Thereupon Ordered that Aldn Gilbert be discharged from the said Committee & that Mr Young be appointed in his stead.

Ordered that Aldn Hazard & Mr Young be a Committee to report the most proper manner of keeping Clean the Streets of this City the ensuing Season.

The Committee to whom was referred the Case of Mr Thos Ten Eyck (on the 14th Inst) about Quit Rent charged to the Estate of his late father delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

"Your Committee report it as their Opinion that seventeen Pounds two Shillings be deducted from the Quit Rent charged to the said

Estate, being [534] for three Years the same lay useless and for which they received no Emolument whatever

Feb$^{y}$ 27$^{th}$ 1787

Tho$^{s}$ Hazard
Tobias Van Zandt
George Janeway

The Committee appointed to enquire into & report whether any more Lots could be leased out at Pecks Slip, delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to viz$^{t}$

"That in their Opinion two Lots of 22 feet each in front be sold for 21 Years at public Auction on the 15$^{th}$ March next."

Ordered that the Treasurer advertize the said Lots for sale accordingly under the Inspection of the same Committee.

The Clerk presented to the Board a Lease to George Poalk of Lot number thirteen in Chatham Street for the Term of 21 Years from the 1$^{st}$ May last which was read & approved by the Board viz$^{t}$

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that the same be delivered on M$^{r}$ Poalk executing the counterpart thereof

Ordered that the Treasurer pay out of any public Monies in his Hands (the order of this Board of the 27$^{th}$ Dec$^{r}$ last to the contrary notwithstanding) the order in favor of Isaac Meade for £25:0:2 issued on the 17$^{th}$ Jan$^{y}$ last And the Order in favor of Walter Heyer for £12:6:6 issued on the 31$^{st}$ Jan$^{y}$ last And also that he pay Rinier Skaats [535] the Sum of £10 for 1Q$^{r}$ Services from the 15$^{th}$ Nov$^{r}$ last to the 15$^{th}$ Inst And that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay the said several Sums accordingly

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ viz

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| Samuel Lowdon for printing | £78:—:— |
| Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for 3 M$^{ths}$ Lighting the City Lamps to the 26$^{th}$ Inst | £91: 8:— |
| Murray Mumford & Bowen for 6 Cask Oil for the Lamps | £56:19: 4 |
| Obadiah Hussey for 93 Gall$^{s}$ do | 14:15: 3 |
| Simon Kiersted for 1 Q$^{r}$ Sallary in repairs public Wells & Pumps | 30:—:— |
| Simon Kiersted for repairs to the public Wells & Pumps previous to his Contract £2:10 And for Iron Bolts to replace those stolen out of the Pumps previous to his Contract £2:7. | 4:17:— |
| Andrew Thompson Jun$^{r}$ for Mason Work to the public Wells last Year | 21: 5: 4½ |
| Dan$^{l}$ Underdonck for 3 Boatload Stone 2 at Beekman Slip & one at the North River Wharfs | 12:—:— |
| Rob$^{t}$ Hunter for Timber at the North River Wharf | 6:14: 4 |

Casimir Th. Goerck for Surveys..... £3:—:—
William Sloo Keeper of the Bridewell to be by him pd to several Constables & Marshalls for conveys Vagrants as pr Acct audited & filed..... 12: 2: 6

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[537] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 14th Day of March 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Thos Ten Eyck | Assists |
| Wm Neilson | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Jeremh Wool | | John Young | |
| Thos Hazard | | John Van Dyck | |
| | | Tobias Van Zandt | |

Samuel Delemater, Cordwainer John Shick—Blacksmith were admitted & sworn freemen of the said City

A Petition of Wm Moore praying a further Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River in front of his Lots near Beekmans Slip; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of Montgomerie Ward & the Aldn of the East Ward wth the Treasurer.

A Petition of James Savage proposing to contract to clear the public Slips of Mud & deepen the Water; was read & referred to Aldn Lott, Neilson & Wool & Messrs Ten Eyck & Van Zandt

A Petition of Pardon Burlingham relative to the Common Lots at the upper End of Queen Street formerly leased to Ezekiel Archer; was read & referred to the Treasurer to report the Facts to the Board

[538] Mr Van Zandt represented to the Board that the Street at Pecks Slip, in consequence of the Drain being stopped, is in very bad order Ordered that Aldn Hazard Mr Van Zandt & Mr Young be a Committee to examine & report the Measures necessy to be taken & whether it ought to be at the expence of the Neighborhood or the Public.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue a Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the Order issued on the 17th Jany last in favor of Henry Burtsell & Co the Order of the 27th of Decr last to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts viz$^{t}$

Murray Mumford & Bowen (out of the Lamp Fund) for Oil... £49: 6: 1
Abm H. Martlings for Stone at Corporation Wharfs..... 52:10:—
Joseph Beck for sweeping Chimnies of City Hall, Goal & Bridewell ..... 7: 1:—

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House be instructed from time to time to examine into the Circumstances of Persons sent to the Alms House to be supported at the Public Expence in order to discover whether they have a Right to such support by; Or whether they ought to be sent to any other State or Place & where for a Maintenance And to report their Opinion from time to time with the Facts to this Board that what is Right may be done.

[539] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 21st Day of March 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Wm Neilson<br>Jer. Wool<br>Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Geo. Janeway<br>Cornt C Roosevelt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>John Young | Assists |

A Petition of Jeremiah Stone praying an Abatement of the Rent of a small Tenement at Whitehall on Acct of some Repairs by him made to it; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the Sd Ward.

The Treasurer reported that the two Lots at Pecks Slip had sold at public Auction purst to the Order of the 28th Ulto as follows vizt

Lot No 7 to James Barret on a Lease for 21 Yrs at the annual Rent of 35/ Pr foot

Lot No 8 to Adolph Waldron for the like Term at the Rent annually of 28/ pr foot

A Petition of the sd Adolph Waldron praying an addition of 8 feet to the Lot, by him purchased at the same Rate, was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the East Wd & Mr Van Zandt

[540] Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to Mr Barret & report it to the Board

The Committee on the Petition of Wm Moore presented to the Board a Report; but on a Suggestion that previous to the Consideration thereof it would be proper that the Board be furnished wth a complete Map or Survey of all the Lots from Beekmans Slip to Pecks Slip, the Consideration of the sd Report was postponed. And thereupon it was ordered that Mr Goerick one of the City Surveyors Do make for the use of this Board a Complete Survey of all the Water Lots already granted or to be granted & that where the last 200 feet hath not been granted he proportion the space between the Slips among the Proprietors of Lots in the first 200 feet.

The Treasurer according to order reported to the Board a State of Facts relative to the three Lots of Ground mentioned in the Petition of Pardon Burlingham presented on the 14th Inst; which was read & filed.

Ordered that Mr Burlingham be informed that on his producing Evidence of his Right to receive the residue of the Monies arising from the Sale of the Improvements of the sd three Lots after deducting the back Rents due thereon to the Corporation, the same will be paid to him.

[541] A Petition of a majority of the Proprietors of the Lots of Ground in Wall Street—praying that the said Street may be regulated & paved at the expence of the proprietors similar to Water Street West of the Coffee House & that Pitts Statue, which greatly obstructs the Street may be removed; was read.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistants of the East, Dock & North Wards be a Committee to regulate the said Street agreable to the Prayer of the sd Petition & that they report the same as also their Opinion with respect to the removal of Pitt's Statue and the Measures proper to be taken with a Statue of Genl Montgomery said to be in this City.

It being suggested to the Board that a Bill is brought into the House of Assembly for the Sale of the Lands at the Fort & Battery.

Ordered that Aldn Neilson Gilbert & Wool be a Committee to enquire into the Rights of this Corporation in respect to the said Lands, that they have Power to employ Council. & that they Report a State of Facts on the Subject at the next Meeting of the Board.

[542] Aldn Gilbert from the Committee appointed to report the Terms on which the additional Grants of Water Lotts should be granted to John Watts for the Heirs of Sir Peter Warren decd & to John Bonsall reported; that 190 feet from the extent of the former Grant into the River be granted to them reserving a Quit Rent of three Pence Per foot & to run out a Pier along each Slip the whole extent of the Grant for Streets; which must be compleated in two Years; which Report was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Drafts of the said Grants accordingly

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay (out of the Monies raised for the Watch & Lamps) the follows Persons the follows Sums vizt

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| Murray Mumford & Bowen for 6 Cask Oil..... | £54: 0:10 |
| James Barker for 3 Cask Do..... | 27: 2: 9 |

James Wing for 2 Cask Do..... £16: 8: 6
Willson Rawson for 28 Do..... 223: 1: 10

Ordered the like to pay (out of the City Revenue to Thos Sanders the Sum of £4: 10/ for a Flagg.

Ordered the like to pay Saml Loudon (out of the Revenue Fund) the amount of the Order in his favor issued on the 28th Ultv the Resolution of this Board of the 27th Decr last to the contrary notwithstanding.

[543] Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened and it is hereby Ordained by the Authority of the same That the following Laws and Ordinances of this Corporation be and they are hereby Established Published and to continue and remain in full force and virtue for one Year from and after the Day of the Date hereof. viz[t]

N. 1 A Law for the due Observation of the Lord's Day called Sunday.
A Law directing the Uses of the public Seals of this City
A Law relative to the Admission of Freemen.
A Law to regulate the Office of Chamberlain or Treasurer of this City.
A Law for the better preventing of Fire.
A Law for the better securing this City from the Danger of Gun Powder.
A Law to appoint Surveyors for this City.
A Law to regulate the public Markets within this City.
A Law to establish and regulate the public Slaughter House within this City.
A Law to regulate the sale of Bread.
A Law to regulate the Paving the Streets, and for preventing Nuisances within this City.
A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen in this City.
A Law to regulate the Landing and Sale of Hay within this City.
A Law to regulate the Sale of Fire Wood in this City.
A Law to regulate the pay of public Measurers within this City.
[544] A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels in the Docks and Slips of this City, and to ascertain the Rates of Wharfage.
A Supplementary Law to the Law, entitled, "A Law to establish and "regulate the public Slaughter House within this City."
A Law directing the Mode of Recovery and Appropriation of the Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, imposed by the Laws of the Corporation of this City.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 28th March 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Abm P Lott | Esqrs Aldn | Geo. Janeway | Assistts |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Wm Neilson | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Thos Hazard | | Thos Ten Eyck | |
| Jer. Wool | | Jno Van Dyck | |
| Nichs Bayard | | John Young | |

Aldn Neilson from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Rights of this Corporation with respect to the Lands at the Fort & Battery; reported the Draft of a Petition to the Legislature on the Subject; which was read & approved by the Board. Ordered that the same be engrossed [545] and that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto

Mr Mayor suggested to the Board the necessity of representing by Petition to the Legislature the Causes of the Arrears on the Tax of £100,000 commonly called the partial Tax, not being collected And also praying that some other way be provided for enquiring into & deciding on the Cases of Persons who conceived themselves agrieved by the sd Tax, And presented to the Board the Draft of a Petition to the Legislature on those Subjects which was read & approved by the Board.

Ordered that the same be engrossed & that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto.

Ordered that Aldn Neilson wait on the City Members in the Legislature with the said Petitions to be presented to the Legislature

Ordered that the Clerk publish an Advertisement in the News Papers notifying all Persons indebted to this Corporation that unless they respectively pay the Debts so due from them into the Treasury of this City within one Month from the Date hereof the Demands against them will be prosecuted without delay.

A Petition of Silvanus Lawrence relative to the Ferry from this City to Hoboock was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the Wt Ward

A Petition of Obadiah Wells relative to the Rent of a Lot at Inchlambergh was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the Out Ward

[546] The Committee, consisting of Aldn Wool & Hazard, appointed at the Quarterly Meeting at the Alms House in Novr last to enquire into the Complaints agt the Doctor of that House reported

that they had made strict Examination throughout the House by particular enquiry into each Room; and find no Cause of Complaint against him and in their Opinion conceive the Doctor is entitled to applause instead of censure."

Thoˢ Hazard
Jer: Wool

Aldⁿ Bayard, appointed to regulate the Bowery Lane between the* House of the honᵇˡᵉ Pierre Van Cortlandt Esqʳ & that of Elias Smith reported a Survey thereof by Mʳ Goerik one of the City Surveyors vizᵗ Beginning at the Northerly Corner of the said first mentioned & thence wᵗʰ a strait Line, Nº 19 Degrees Eᵗ to the Northerly corner of the said last mentioned House of Mʳ Smith Which Report was read & approved by the Board.

A Petition of a number of Cartmen prayᵍ that they may be permitted to use Iron shod Wheels was read & referred to Aldⁿ Neilson & Hazard & Messʳˢ Ten Eyck, Young & Van Zandt.

On Motion of Aldⁿ Gilbert Ordered that next Meeting of the Board be assigned to appoint a Commissioner to have the Disposition of the Corporation Lands.

Ordered that it be suggested to the Members of this City in the Legislature to use their [547] endeavors to procure Provision for the payment of the City Arms taken for the use of the Troops of this State in the Year 1775.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay (out of the Poor Fund) the Order of the 14ᵗʰ febʸ last in favor of Embree & Shotwell, And (out of the Revenue Fund) the Order of the 14ᵗʰ March Inst in favor of Abᵐ H Martlings, the Resolution of this Board of the 27ᵗʰ Decʳ last to the contrary notwithstanding. And that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrᵗˢ accordingly

On a representation from the Commissʳˢ of the Alms House that the Sum advanced them at the last Quarterly Meeting at the Alms House for the support of the Poor had proved insufficient for the present Quarter And that a further Sum would be necessary.

Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to advance the said Commissioners (out of the Poor Fund) the further Sum of £300 for the use of the said House accordingly

Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the followᵍ Persons the followᵍ Sums in full of their respective Accᵗˢ vizᵗ

* Marginal note reads *East side.*—Ed.

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| Wm Malcom Esqr out of the Revenue Fund the Sum of £77:19:7½ for Materials at the Wharfs at Beekmans & Pecks Slips | 77:19: 7½ |
| David Demorest for carting ground into the Lots of Mr Morris & Mrs Baldwin | 18:10:— |
| ☞Note when an Appraisement is made of the Injury done to Mrs Baldwins Lot she must repay to the Corporation the amount of this Acct vizt £4:8:10d & Mr David Morris for his Lot £16:—:— | |
| Wright Carpenter for 1 Qr Service as Scavenger | 5:—:— |
| Cornelius Slott for a Bulkhead at Mrs Baldwins Lot | 1:18:10 |
| Thomas Tonkins for filling Greenwich Street | 13:12: 4 |

[548] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 3d of April 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W. Gilbert | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Thos Hazard | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Jeremh Wool | John Young | |
| Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Geo. Janeway |
| | | Jno Van Dyck |
| | | Cornt C Roosevelt |

Assists

In pursuance of the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act for regulating Elections," passed the 13th February 1787. The Board proceeded to the Election of Inspectors of the Elections in the several Wards of this City and the following Persons were elected vizt

| South Ward | West Ward |
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| John Sickels | Samuel Johnson |
| William Brower | George Lindsay |
| Aert Huysman | William Thompson |
| **Dock Ward** | **North Ward** |
| William Constable | James Christie |
| Peter Elting | Robert Cocks |
| Anthony Griffiths | John Wiley |
| **East Ward** | **Montgomery Ward** |
| Francis Basset | Peter Riker |
| Captn Nichs Bogert | Thomas Ivers |
| John J Roosevelt | Capt William Moore |

**Out Ward**

Morgan Lewis Nicholas De Peyster & Charles Duryee

[549] Mr Mayor laid before the Board a concurrent Resolution of the Senate and Assembly dated the 26th November 1784. which was read purporting "That the Monument by the United States in Con-

gress Assembled ordered to be erected to the Memory of Major General Montgomerie, be erected in the City of New York at such particular Place as the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City in Common Council convened shall appoint," And Mr Mayor observed to the Board that the Respect due to the Memory of that great Soldier and Patriot demanded the first attention of the Board to the fixing on a suitable Place in this City for the erecting of the said Monument and that the same be put up without delay.

The Board thereupon proceeded to the Consideration of a Place for erecting the Monument, and the front of St Pauls Church in this City was unanimously agreed to be the most proper place.

And thereupon it was Ordered that a Committee be appointed to consult with the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Episcopal Church on the subject and if approved of by them, that the Committee take Order and direct the said Monument to be properly erected accordingly—Ordered that Aldn Gilbert, Bayard and Hazard, and Messrs Van Zandt and Van Dyck be the Committee, And that Mr Mayor be requested to advise and assist the Committee in the Business

[550] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 7th May 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Jeremh Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt | Assists |
| Thomas Hazard | | John Van Dyck | |
| Nichs Bayard | | John Young | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Abm P Lott | | Abm Van Gelder | |

Ordered that Aldn Hazard, Mr Van Zandt & Mr Janeway be a Committee to examine and audit the Accts of the Commissrs of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter.

Mr Mayor with the Members then proceeded to examine the several Apartments in the Alms House & Bridewell.

Mr Mayor &c being returned, Aldn Hazard from the Committee reported they had examined the Acct of the Alms House for the last Qr amountg to £1270: 5: 2 And of the Bridewell amountg to £154: 12: 2 And that they found them right and just

An Estimate of the Commissrs for the ensuing Quarter vizt for the Alms House £1000: —: — & for the Bridewell £200: —which was approved by the Board

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer for the payment of the said two Sums accordgly.

[551] The following Return of the Inhabitants of the two Houses was laid before the Board vizt

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| | 95 Men | | | |
| | 175 Women | | | |
| | 80 Boys | | | 33 Men |
| Alms House | 69 Girls | | Bride- | 20 Women |
| | 4 black Men | | well | —— |
| | 3 Do Women | | | 53 |
| | 426 | | | |

It is considered by the Board that no Person committed to the Bridewell by a Justice ought to be discharged, but by order of a Board of Justices And that if at any time the Commissioners should conceive the Commitment of a Person improper the Commissioners should suggest the Matter to the Justice in order that what is right may be done

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday May 9th 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Nichs Bayard, Jer. Wool, Wm Neilson, Wm W Gilbert, Abm P Lott, Thos Hazard } Esqrs Aldn

Geo. Janeway, Jno Van Dyck, Abm Van Gelder, Tobias Van Zandt, John Young } Assistts

Jacob Demarest. Laborer
John Bogert— Do
Amos Monday— Do
} severally sworn & admitted freemen of this City & ordered to be registered.

[552] A Petition of Charles F Wiessenfels and a a Petition of Cornl Hurler & James Bogert concerning the Ferries to Hoboock, Wiehaack &c were respectively read & referred to Aldn Gilbert & Mr Van Gelder & Mr Janeway

A Petition of Samuel Ellis praying a further Grant into the North River was read & referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of John Bonsall & others complaining of the ruinous Condition of the Dock between Batteau & Mesiers Slips was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert & Mr Janeway & Mr Van Dyck.

A Petition of Mary Brown praying an abatement of Quit Rent; was read & referred to Aldn Neilson & Wool & Mr Van Dyck.

A Petition of W^m Moore praying that he may be permitted to sink his Wharf immediately altho' the Grant cannot be made out until a complete Survey of the Water Lots be made out; was read and referred to Ald^n Neilson & Hazard & M^r V. Zandt.

A Representation from the Commiss^rs of the Bridewell setting forth that the Walls of that Building are suffering for want of pointing Ordered that the said Walls be pointed under the Direction of the said Commiss^rs in the most œconomical manner.

A Petition of Adam Steel relative to a Lot at Inchlambergh was read & referred to the Treasurer to report a State of Facts on the Subject with his Opinion thereon.

[553] A Petition of Peter Blier in behalf of his Wife Martha and her Sister & brother Abigail & Ezekiel Children of Ezekiel Archer dec^d praying that the Monies arising from the Sale of the Improvem^ts on the Lots at the Corner of Queen & Chatham Streets (formerly leased by the said Ezekiel Archer dec^d from this Corporation) after deducting the Rent due may remain in the hands of the Corporation until the said Abigail & Ezekiel become of Age & that the said Martha's part be immediately paid to him the s^d Peter Blier her husband; was read & referred to M^r Recorder.

A Petition of Theophilus Anthony praying an abatement of Quit Rent

A Petition of David Barclay praying an abatement of the Rent of a Lot at Pecks Slip And a Petition of Several Butchers resident in the Bowery Lane praying an exemption from the Law for regulating the Slaughter House & that they may be permitted to kill at their own Houses on paying the Keeper of the Slaughter House his Fees; were respectively read & considered

Whereupon it was determined that the Prayers of the said Petitions could not be granted.

A Petition of Peter King praying to be appointed an Inspector of fire Wood; was read

Ordered that he be appointed to the first vacancy

[554] A Petition of Samuel Milligan And a Petition of Gideon Harper, the former praying to be appointed a Measurer & the latter a Culler of Staves; were respectively read and granted

Ordered that they be appointed accord^gly

A Petition of Isaac Selover pray^s to be appointed a Measurer was read and rejected And a Petition of Lancaster Burling praying to be appointed an Inspector of Wood; was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr Mayor laid before the Board a Letter covering an Account of Quit Rents due from sundry Persons whose Estates were forfeited & Sold for the use of the State, and informing that the Legislature had provided for the payment of the said Quit Rent out of the State Treasury after deducting seven Years; Ordered that the Treasurer remit seven Years of the said Quit Rent charged in the said Acct & that he receive of the State Treasurer the ballce of the said Acct accordgly.

The Treasurer also informed the Board in the said Letter that an Offer of £500 had been made for the two Lots of Ground in possession of Vallea and Brevoort.

Ordered that the Subject of the said two Lots be referred to Aldn Lott & Bayard & Mr Janeway Mr Young & Mr Van Gelder.

[555] The Committee for the purpose appointed delivd in a Return of several Lots the Leases whereof were expired. Ordered that the said Return be referred to Aldn Lott & Bayard & Messrs Janeway Young & Van Gelder to report their Opinion as to the propriety of leasing or selling the said Lots.

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert Wool & Lott & Messrs Young & Janeway with the Assistance of Mr Recorder be a Committee to examine into the Police & Œconomy of the Alms House and Bridewell and to report such Amendments as they shall conceive necessary.

The Board proceeded to the appointment of two Commissioners for the Direction & management of the Real Property belonging to this Corporation; and Messrs Nathaniel Hazard and Theodore Casimir Gœrick were appointed accordingly.

Ordered that Aldn Neilson & Gilbert & Mr Janeway (with the assistance of Mr Mayor & Mr Recorder) be a Committee to report the necessary Instructions for the direction of the said Commissioners.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the East Ward examine into the Condition of the Fly Market and report such Repairs as may be necessary with an estimate of the Expence.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the followg Sums in full of their respective Accts—the Orders for the paymt of those out of the Revenue [556] Fund to express the Resolution of the 27th Day of Decr last to the contrary notwithstanding. vizt

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| The Executors of Jno Holt decd printer (out of the Revenue Fund ..... | £79: 8: 6 |
| Abm Van Gelder for lighting Lamps from 26th febv to 26th April last (out of the Lamp Fund)..... | 61:10: 8 |
| Adolph Waldron (out of the Revenue Fund) for Taxes &c... | 50: 5: 3½ |

Jacob Way (out of the contingent fund) for caulking Work at the Goal..... £9:10:—
J Grier Brooks & Co (out of the Revenue Fund) for an Iron Stove ..... 5:—:—
Duncan McIntire (out of the lamp fund) for Blacksmith Work to the Lamps..... 3: 9:—
Elijah Wedge (out of the Revenue fund) for 1 Qr as City Cryer to the 13th April..... 6: 5:—
Abijah Wells (out of the contingent Fund) as Scavenger in the Wt Ward..... 5:—:—
Egbert Steenbrick (out of the same Fund) as Scavenger in the South Wd ..... 3:15:—
Jno Roe (out of the same Fund) as Scavenger in the Dock Wd 3:15:—
Isaac Peffer (out of the same fund) as Scavenger in Montg. Wd ..... 10:—:—
Elijah Wedge (out of the same fund) as Scavenger in the Et Wd ..... 10:—:—

[557] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday May 16th 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Wm Neilson, Nichs Bayard, Thos Hazard, Jeremh Wool, Wm W Gilbert } Esqrs Aldn

Tobias Van Zandt, John Van Dyk, Cornt C Roosevelt, John Young } Assists

The follows Persons were admitted & sworn Freemen of this City & ordered to be registered.

John Austin.....Chocolate Maker
Charles McLean.....Grocer
Abraham Bond.....Carpenter
Peter Lawrence.....Blacksmith
William Brown.....Chair Maker
Jacob Tiers.....Butcher
John Ross.....Taylor
Gideon Carstang.....Rope Maker
Peter Balmer.....Blacksmith
Charles Hedenberg.....Shoe Maker
Henry Bausher.....Blacksmith
John Murray.....Blacksmith
Samuel Valleau.....Taylor
Nicholas Van Antwerp....Ironmonger
James Moore.....Baker
John Doughty.....Grocer
Robert Carter.....Cabinet Maker
James W Lent.....Cooper
Stephen Rose.....Cooper
Gerardus Burger.....Blacksmith
Thomas Bruen....Last & Heel maker
Benjamin Shepherd.....Cooper
Gerrit Walgrave.....Cooper
Joseph Smith.....Grocer
Morris Smith.....Innholder
Thomas Burrows.....Carpenter
John Yonge.....Cordwainer
Edward Patten.....Tayler
Joseph Corré.....Innkeeper
John Divine.....Shoemaker

[558] A Petition of the Inhabitants of Franckford Street praying that a certain Nuisance occasioned by a Drain leading from the Alms

House & Goal into the said Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistant of the North Ward & Mr Van Gelder

A Petition of William Cock prays a Grant of the Soil under the Water in front of his Lots at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to the Committee on other Petitions for Grants at Corlaers Hook. Ordered that Aldn Hazard & Mr Van Zandt be added to the said Committee.

Resolved & Ordered that the Treasurer of this Corporation be & he is hereby authorized and directed, out of the Monies, which now are or hereafter shall come into his Hands from the Revenues of this Corporation, from time to time, to discharge the Interest due on the several Bonds against this Corporation in such manner as that each Creditor shall receive an equal proportion of his Interest in arrear in the course of each Year: And that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt to the Treasurer accordingly.

Ordered that Aldn Bayard direct the Road Master to put Rails along the Road on the side *Hill above Harlem to prevent accidents to Horses & Carriages And also that Mr Aldn direct the sides of the Arch in the middle Road to be raised on a level with the said Road

[559] The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Cartmen for leave to use Iron Shod Wheels delivered in a Report "that in the Opinion of the Committee the prayer of the said Petition ought not to be granted;" which was read & agreed to by the Board

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the Sums follows in full of their respective Accts

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| Revenue fund | Rinier Skaats for one Qr Service as Messenger & Door Keeper & for extra Services ..... | £10:—:— |
| Well & Pump Fund | Simon Kiersted for 1 Qr Repairs to Wells & Pumps & for an Acct of extra Repairs | 42:16: 7 |
| Revenue Fund | Garrit Debow for repairs to fire Buckets & for 1 Years Rent of a fire Engine House | 6: 3: 3 |
| Revenue fund | Thomas Clark for Scantling used in raising an old Hulk in Beekmans Slip..... | 0:16:— |
| Contingent Fund | Fleming & Cocks as Clerks at the late Election in the North Wd..... | 2: 6:— |
| Do | Saml De Reimer for the like in the So Ward £1:4: And Abm Brower for the like in the sd Ward £1:2:—..... | 2: 6:— |
| Do | Thos Gilbert for the like in Dock Wd..... | 1: 4:— |
| Do | Curtis & Howe for the like in Montgy Wd. | 3: 4:— |
| Do | Hutton & Heyer for the like in the Et Wd. | 2: 4:— |

* Marginal note reads *McGowens Pass.*—ED.

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| Contingent Fund | Alexr Anderson for making 14 ballotting Boxes for the genl Election..... | £8: 8:— |
| Do | Ephraim Brasher Coroner for taking Inquests on dead Bodies..... | 59: 19:— |
| [560] James Watson (out of the Money allowed by the Legislature for erecting the Monument of Genl Montgomerie) for storage of the same..... | | £5: 2:— |

City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 23d Day of May 1787

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Thos Hazard<br>Abm P Lott<br>Jeremh Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt<br>John Van Dyck<br>John Young<br>Cornt C Roosevelt | Assists |

The Board agreed to contribute the usual allowance to the sinking of a Well at the Oswego Market

A Petition of Israel Tuthill praying an abatement of the Rent of a triangular Piece of Ground at the junction of the Bloomingdale & Post Roads; was read & referred to the Treasurer to report on

A Petition of Adam Steel relative to a Lot at Inchlamberg; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the Out Wd & Aldn Gilbert.

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

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| Road Fund | Henry Shute for Work on the Roads..... | £79: 11: 9 |
| Contingt Fund | Jno W Gilbert Clerk of the late Election in the Dock Wd ..... | 1: 4:— |
| Revenue Fund | And Saml Ellis Junr for his Order of the 27th Decr last ..... | 10: 4: 9 |

[561] City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 8th June 1787

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P Lott<br>Thos Hazard<br>Jer. Wool<br>Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Thos Ten Eyck<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>John Van Dyck<br>John Young<br>Geo. Janeway | Assists |

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Commissioners, named in the Act of the Legislature passed the 7th day of April last entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act supplementary to an Act to

appoint Commissioners to settle and adjust any Differences which may arise between the Proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New York, the Buildings whereof were burnt in the Year 1776 and for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining to such Lots" of their appointment that it is the wish of this Board that they proceed to execute the Powers vested in them by the said Act as soon as may be, and that this Board will provide a reasonable Compensation for their Services.

On Motion of Ald[n] Hazard It is agreed by the Board that the Justices appointed for the trial of Causes under the Ten Pounds Law be permitted to hold their Courts in this Chamber when it is not wanted for other public purposes.

[562] Ald[n] Wool delivered in the follow[g] Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t] "The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mary Brown praying an abatem[t] of Quit Rent beg leave to report that there appears due from the Petitioner to the Corporation the Sum of Sixty five Pounds nineteen Shillings comprehending the Rent of the present Year which is nevertheless submitted to the Board."

W Neilson
New York 19[th] May 1787 Jerem[h] Wool
John Van Dyk

An Acc[t] of D[r] Vacher for attendance & Medicine to criminal Prisoners in Goal was read & referred to Ald[n] Gilbert & Mess[rs] Van Gelder & Janeway.

Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay Aaron Gilbert (out of the Pump & Well Fund) the Sum of Ten Pounds towards sinking a Well at Oswego Market.

The like to pay Van Gelder & Dally (out of the Road Fund) the Sum of £2 : 17 : — for Lime, And to Aric Smith the Sum of £10 : — : — for Stone at the Bridge across Great George Street near Ald[n] Bayards.

On reading a Letter from M[r] Phœnix the Treasurer & a Deposition of David Barclay it was Ordered that the Treasurer remit M[r] Barclay the Rent which became due (on the Lot leased by him from the Corporation at the Corner of Pecks Slip) from the first day of May 1776 to the 24[th] Nov[r] 1783 inclusive.

[563] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 20th June 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Jeremh Wool
Thos Hazard
Abm P Lott
Wm W Gilbert
Wm Neilson
} Esqrs Aldn

Tobias Van Zandt
John Young
Geo. Janeway
Abm Van Gelder
} Assistts

The following Persons were admitted & sworn Freemen of this City & ordered to be registered.

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| William Mooney.....Upholsterer | Henry Rogers.....Carpenter |
| Henry Mitchell.....Watchmaker | John Rose.....Carpenter |
| Thomas Francklin Junr...Ironmonger | Daniel Bayles.....Shipwright |
| Thomas Underhill.....Silversmith | Cornelius Warner.....Carpenter |
| James Kipp.....Brass founder | Matthew Bird.....Carpenter |
| Abel W Hardenbrook Tin plate worker | Caleb Pell.....Coppersmith |
| William Dean.....Cooper | John Smith.....Carpenter |
| Daniel Lawrence.....Shipwright | Isaac Asten.....Cordwainer |
| Daniel Stanbury....Tanner & Currier | Dow Tallman.....Carpenter |
| James Sculthorpe....Tanner & Currier | David Vanderbeeck.....Blacksmith |
| Joel Post.....Butcher | Anthony Brown.....Carpenter |
| John De Groot.....Shipwright | James Quackenbush.....Shopkeeper |
| Frederick Mabie.....Shoemaker | William Nichols.....Blacksmith |
| Thomas Drake.....Shipwright | William Hopson.....Butcher |
| Stephen Coles.....Distiller | Adam Van Orden.....Shoemaker |
| Jacob Morris .....Cooper | Jonathan Traphagen.....Carpenter |
| William Couenhoven.....Hatter | Barnt Simonson.....Grocer |

[564] A Petition of James Riker & others prays a Committee to regulate James's Street was read and referred to Aldn Bayard Lott, Gilbert & Wool & Messrs Roosevelt, Van Zandt & Young

A Petition of Messrs Macombe Lynch, Livingston &c Proprietors of Lots in the Broad Way & bounded on the River praying that Measures may be taken for compelling Augustus Van Cortlandt to wharf out in front of his Lots to the end that Greenwich Street may be continued on & continued to the Battery; was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert & Neilson & Mr Van Gelder.

Two Memorials of Peter T Curtenius the one praying payment of a Bond agt the Corporation & the other praying the settlement of an Acct agt the Corporation for Iron Work furnished Christopher Colles for the use of the Water Works previous to the late War; were respectively read & referred to Aldn Neilson & Hazard & Mr Ten Eyck

A Petition of Messrs Alexander Macombe & Marinus Willett praying Grants of the Soil under Water opposite to their respective Lands at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to the Committee on the subject of granting the Soil under Water at Corlaers Hook.

The Treasurer informed the Board that the Dock Master on our return to this City collected from Boats frequenting the Bason at the Exchange to the amount of about £80:—:— for Dockage that the proprietors of the Lots fronting the said Bason claim the Wharfage agreable to their [565] respective Grants and therefore refuse to pay the Quit Rents in arrear unless they are credited for the Money received as afd

Ordered that the Treasurer credit the said Money in his Acct with the said Proprietors accordingly

A Doubt arising whether any persons not licensed as Cartmen might be permitted to collect and cart away the Dirt & Filth in the Streets of this City; it was determin'd by the Board that they should be permitted

On a suggestion by the Dockmaster that the Wharf at Beekman's Slip was in very bad order & that Genl Malcom claimed the Wharfage of Vessels lying at the Et side of the said Slip, until the Wharf to form the West side of the said Slip was run out & compleated.

Ordered that Aldn Hazard & Messrs Young & Van Zandt be a Committee to enquire into the State of the said Slip & Genl Malcoms Claim & report the same to the Board.

A Petition of the Inspectors of fire Wood prays that their fees may be advanced in consequence of the Depreciation of the Copper Currency from 14 to 20 to a Shilling; was read & rejected.

Assize of Bread. Flour at 40/ Pr Barrel.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread baked in this City for sale be as follows vizt

A loaf of fine wheat Flour to weigh two Pounds four Ounces for Six Pence

A Loaf of like Flour to weigh One Pound two Ounces for three Pence.

[566] Aldn Gilbert & Mr Van Gelder to whom was referred the Petitions of Silvanus Lawrence and Charles F Wiessenfels on the Subject of the Ferry across the North River to Hoboock reported that they had taken the Subject into Consideration and were of Opinion that Mr Lawrence have an abatement on the Rent in arrear for the said Ferry at the Rate of seven Pounds a Year; And that Mr Wiessenfels (who hath purchased the privilege of keeping the said Ferry of Mr Lawrence) have a Lease of the said Ferry on the same Terms

& Conditions at which the same was originally granted to Mr Lawrence; which Report was read & agreed to by the Board.

The Treasurer delivered in a Report on the Petition of Israel Tuthill read at the last Meeting relative to the Triangular Piece of Ground at the junction of the Post and blooming Dale Roads which was referred to Aldn Gilbert

It being represented to the Board that Brockholst Livingston Esquire Assignee of a certain Bond, executed by this Corporation to Benjamin Winthrop on the 9th Day of March 1785 conditioned for the payment of £900 current Money of this State on or before the 9th Day of March then next ensuing with Interest at the rate of five per Cent per Annum from the 23d February then last past, is willing to receive in full discharge of the said Bond the Sum of £800 with the like Interest as aforesd to be calculated from the said 23d day of February & his Disbursements in the Suit commenced thereon against this Corporation—It is [567] therefore Ordered that the Treasurer pay out of the Revenue Fund to the said Brockholst Livingston the said Sum of £800 current Money aforesaid with Interest as aforesaid to be computed from the said 23d Day of february 1785 and his Disbursements as aforesaid deducting such Sum or Sums of Monies as may already have been received by the said Brockholst Livingston on account of the said Bond And that Mr Mayor issue a Warrant on the Treasurer accordingly

It being also represented to the Board that in consequence of certain Transactions between Mr Abm Duryee & Mr Gerard Walton acting Executor of Jacob Walton decd the said Abm Duryee is become indebted to the Gerard Walton Exr as aforesaid in the Sum of £130, that Mr Walton is willing to accept a Bond from this Corporation for the said Sum with Interest at five per Cent And Mr Duryee having signified his Desire of discharging the said Debt and that this Corporation would execute a Bond to Mr Walton accordingly to be deducted from & credited on a certain Bond executed by this Corporation to Mr Duryee on the 28th Day of July 1784 conditioned for the payment of the Sum of £635:4:6 with Interest at 5 P Ct

It was ordered that a Bond from this Corporation to the said Gerard Walton Exr as aforesaid conditioned for the payment of the said Sum of £130 with Interest [568] at five per Ct be prepared that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto and that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board And that the Treasurer deduct the Said Sum of £130 from the said Bond to Mr Duryee and

further that the Treasurer settle the said Bond of Mr Duryee so as that the principal Sum remaining due thereon be £500.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay out *out* of the contingent Fund to Richd Duryee the Sum of One Pound as Clerk at the late Election in the Out Wd

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 2d July 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Wm W Gilbert
Thos Hazard
Wm Neilson
Jer: Wool
Abm P Lott
} Esqrs Aldn

Thos Ten Eyck
Abm Van Gelder
Geo. Janeway
Tobias Van Zandt
John Young
Corns C Roosevelt
} Assists

William McKenny—Stone Cutter
John Sabine—a City Marshall
James Targay Laborer
} were respectively admitted & sworn freemen of this City

A Petition of Messrs Stevens & Connolly informs that they had erected a Vessel with a Machine for clearing the Slips & Docks of the Mud & Filth & proposing to contract for clearing the several public Slips in [569] this City and to remove the sunken Hulk at Coenties Pier; was read & referred to Aldn Hazard & Nielson & Messrs Young & Janeway.

The follows Order was agreed by the Board for celebrating the 4th July being the 11th anniversary of our Independence vizt The Day to be announced (at Sunrise) by a display of Colours on the City Hall & the ringing of all the public Bells in the City for one Hour—At 12 the Common Council to meet at the City Hall & with their Officers to proceed to the Residences of their Excellencies the Governor & the President of the United States to congratulate them on the Day then to return to Mr Heyer's Tavern near the City Hall where a Collation is to be provided—At the commencement of the Procession the public Bells again to ring for one Hour.

It being represented to the Board that the Commissr for granting the Excise & the person employed to collect the Revenues of the public Wharfs & Slips had received for Excise Tavern Licences &

Wharfage some Jersey *Money which the Treasurer since the Depreciation of that Money in this City did not conceive himself justified without an Order of the Bd in receiving And the Treasurer having also received in payment [570] some of that Money which he could not pay out, but on a Discount: Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to receive into the Treasury from the Commissioner of Excise & the Collector of Wharfage such Jersey Money as they may have received as afd for Excise, Tavern Licences & Wharfage & that the Treasurer dispose of the sd Money together with such as he may have received into the Treasury as afd on a Discount or otherwise in the best manner he can for the benefit of this Corporation.

Ordered that Joseph Shelvey be appointed public Whipper & that he be allowed a Salary of £25 Pr Annm to be paid quarterly.

Ordered that £20 be granted to Wm Sloo keeper of the Bridewell for his Assiduity & good management in employing the Vagrants, under his Care during the fishing Seasons in taking such Quantities of Shad for the Use of the Bridewell & Alms Hs as to create a great saving in the Article of Provision. provided for those Institutions. And that the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell pay out of the public Monies in their Hands to William Sloo the said Sum accordingly

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Robert Boyd the Sum of £295:2:8 for his Acct of Iron Grates for the Windows of the Goal

Ordered the like to pay Joseph Beck the Sum of £3:4:6 for sweeping the Chimnies of the City Hall, the Goal & Bridewell.

[571] John Watts Junr Esqr Attorney of the Heirs of Sir Peter Warren decd presented to the Bd a Paper containing the Subtance of his Correspondence with Lords Abingdon and Southampton in England, Sons in Law of the said Sir Peter Warren decd, on the Subject of the Water Lots in the North River for which a Grant was on the 21st March last ordered to be made out to Mr Watts, which he read & delivered to the Board—Mr Watts also gave the Bd some, farther, verbal Information on the Subject.

Ordered that the said Paper together with the verbal Information on the said Subject be referred to Aldn Gilbert & Messrs Van Gelder & Van Zandt

The Board in pursuance of the Law entitled "An Act for the better extinguishing of Fires in the City of New York" proceeded to

* Marginal note reads *Paper Money issued by the State of New Jersey.*—Ed.

the appointment of Fire-Men for this City, and the following Persons were appointed viz[t]

William J Elsworth
John Stagg
Francis Bassett
Isaac Mead
John Quackenboss
} Enginiers

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[576] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Thursday the 12[th] July 1787

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

Wm W Gilbert
Wm Neilson
Nichs Bayard
Thomas Hazard
Jer. Wool
} Esqrs Aldn

Abm Van Gelder
John Van Dyck
Geo. Janeway
Thos Ten Eyck
} Assists

Isaac Meyer —Laborer was sworn & admitted a freeman of this City

The Board being satisfactorily informed that William Dyckman one of the Assessors of Harlem Division of the Out Ward is rendered unable from bodily Indisposition to perform the Duties of his Office— Ordered that he be discharged And that an Election be held in the said Ward at the Bulls Head Tavern on Thursday the 19[th] Inst at 9 O'Clock in the forenoon of the same Day of an Assessor in his stead.

Petitions of the Proprietors of Lots in Front Street, & part of Water Street & Queens Street pray[s] an Order for the regulation & paving of the said Streets in the manner set forth in the said Petitions; were read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist of the East Ward

A Petition of the Proprietors of Lots in partition Street praying a new Regulation of that Street; was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist. of the West Ward.

[577] A Petition of Thomas Buchannan praying that in consideration of his running a Pier along the West side of Rutgers Slip for a Street (which he is not bound to do by any Covenant in his Grant from the Corporation) he may have the benefit of the Wharfage aris-

* These pages were evidently intended for the names of the "Hook & Ladder Men" and "Engine Men" (cf. pp. [390-94]) but were never filled in.—ED.

ing therefrom for the Term of thirty Years; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the Out Ward.

A Petition of Robert Crommelin praying that he may be indulged with permission to sink a Block in front of his Wharf in the East River, which is rendered useless for want thereof was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Blagge & Hazard & M$^{r}$ Van Zandt

A Petition of Isaac Delamater Inspector of Wood at the North River praying that his District may be extended; was read and referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist. of the West Ward

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the East Ward be authorized to agree with Mess$^{rs}$ Stevens & Connolly, in the cheapest manner they can, to clear the fly Market Slip of the Filth & Mud therein.

Ordered that the Treasurer credit M$^{r}$ Rob$^{t}$ Boyd for the Monies due to him from this Corporation from the Dates of the respective Orders issued by order of this Board in his favor And that the amount of the said Orders respectively be discounted on his Bond to this Corporation accordingly

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay out of the contingent Fund, to D$^{r}$ John F Vacher the Sum of thirty two Pounds Sixteen Shill$^{gs}$ for Medicine & Attendance to the criminal Prisoners in Goal.

[578] Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$ The Committee to whom was referred the case of M$^{r}$ Watts relative to the Water Lots in front of the Lots belonging to the Estate of Sir Peter Warren deceased at the North River Report. That on the 12$^{th}$ July last a Petition of John M$^{c}$Comb and Daniel Niven Praying a Grant of the said Water Lots to them was presented to the Board and referred to a Committee— that on the 13$^{th}$ September last the said Committee delivered in a Report which was read and agreed to by the Board, as follows. " The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John M$^{c}$Comb and Daniel Niven, Report that they have maturely considered the subject matter of the said Petition and are of Opinion that the object of the Petitioners if carried into effect would essentially promote the Improvement of the City and the Convenience of the Cetizens. But as the proprietors of the Lots in front of that part of the River which the Petitioners pray for may claim the customary preemption to the Grant, Your Committee recommend to the Board that a Copy of the Petition be served on John Watts Jun$^{r}$ who acknowledges himself to be the Agent for the said proprietors and Acts as such, and that he be informed that unless the said Proprietors or their agent shall within

the space of Six Weeks after the date of such Notification take up a Grant of the Soil prayed for by Mr McComb and Mr Nevin and engage to make Improvements equally beneficial to the public as those which are expressed in their proposals, that in such Case and [579] at the expiration of the said Six weeks a Grant will be made to the Petitioners agreeable to the prayer of their Petition, And Your Committee further recommend that in case no such application be made and Stipulations for immediate Improvements be entered into on the part of the Proprietors by themselves or agents before the expiration of the said Six Weeks that then and in such case a Grant be accordingly made to the Petitioners," That on the 15th November last John Watts Esqr on behalf of the proprietors of the Estate of Sir Peter Warren deceased preferred a Petition to the Board by which he agreed to accept a Grant of the said Water Lots on the Terms offered by Messrs McComb and Niven and prayed a Grant accordingly, which Petition was read and granted and a Committee appointed to consider of and report the quit Rent which ought to be reserved thereon, that on the 21st March last the said Committee delivered in a Report which was agreed to by the Board, " that 190 feet from the extent of the former Grant into the River be granted reserving a quit Rent of 3d Pr foot per Annum and that the proprietors run a Pier along the Slip the whole extent of the Grant for a Street to be compleated in two Years," And it was ordered that the Clerk prepare the said Grant accordingly— That from the paper delivered by Mr Watts to the Board the last Meeting containing the substance of his Correspondence with the Heirs of Sir Peter Warren deceased in England on the subject of the said Water Lots as also from Mr Watts's Conversation with the Board it appears to your Committee that the said Heirs of Sir Peter Warren decd are by no means desirous of accepting a Grant of the said Water Lots on the Terms offered by Messrs McComb and Nevin, and that they have not authorized Mr Watts on their behalf to [580] accept the said Grant and make the necessary Improvements—And as the Wharfing out and improving the said Water Lots is become very necessary for the public Convenience, and the whole Neighbourhood are very desirous that the said Water Lots be granted to Messrs McComb and Nevin to the end that they may be wharfed out and improved without delay, and the Season for that Business is far advanced Your Committee are of Opinion that as the Board cannot be charged with any partiallity on this Occasion in their Conduct or a Want of attention to the Heirs of Sir Peter Warren decd the said Water Lots be granted to Messrs McComb and Nevin on the Terms by them heretofore of-

fered. Which is Nevertheless submitted to the Board by their Committee.

July 11th 1787. Wm W. Gilbert
Ab: Van Gelder

Pursuant to the Act of the Legislature Ordered that the Sum of £10,000 be raised within this City & County on or before the Day of next—vizt the Sum of £6,000 to be applied to the support & maintenance of the Poor, the Bridewell & the Criminals from time to time confined in prison & to the repairing & maintaining the public Roads & cleaning & improving the Streets—And the Sum of £4,000 for the Watch & Lamps.

Ordered that Aldn Hazard & Neilson be a Committee to examine & report the Arrears on the former Taxes.

Pursuant to the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act for regulating the Buildings Streets, Wharfs & Slips in the City of New York" John McComb. Evert Bancker & Casimir T Gorick were appointed Surveyors of this City

[581] City of New York } At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday July 20th 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Wm W Gilbert
Nichs Bayard
Abm P Lott
Thos Hazard
} Esqrs Aldn

Tobias Van Zandt
Abm Van Gelder
Thos Ten Eyck
John Young
} Assists

John Spies—Shoemaker
Joseph Earl—Carpenter
Henry Stanton—Laborer
George Ennis— Do
Benjamin Smith— Do
} were severally admitted & sworn freemen of this City.

A Return of the Election of an Assessor for Harlem Division in the Out Ward held purst to an Order of the last Meeting was read by which it appears that John Meyer Senr was duly elected.

The Board being satisfied by a Letter from Abraham Mesier one of the Assessors of the Wt Ward as well as by other Information that his Affairs are in such Situation as renders him unable to perform the Duties of that Office—Ordered that he be discharged from the said Office and that an Election be held on thursday the 26th Inst at 9

O'Clock in the forenoon of the same Day at the Oswego Market, of an Assessor in his stead.

[582] A Petition of the Inhabitants of little Chappel Street praying that the said Street may be regulated was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the W$^{t}$ W$^{d}$

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Hanover Square praying that the fire Engine House placed there may be removed to the Street leading to the Old Slip; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of the East & Dock W$^{ds}$

Ald$^{n}$ Hazard delivered in the follow$^{g}$ Report "The Committee to "whom was referred the Report concerning Beekmans Slip are of "Opinion that it is necessary for the preservation of the said Wharf "that it be immediately repaired & filled up And that Gen$^{l}$ Malcom "is accountable to this Board for Wharfage of any Vessels he may "be concerned in that has lain at said Wharf in the Slip and has not "been paid for.

"July 11$^{th}$ 1787

Tho$^{s}$ Hazard
Tobias Van Zandt
Jn$^{o}$ Young."

Ordered that the first part of the said Report be agreed to And that M$^{r}$ Van Zand superintend the repair$^{s}$ of the s$^{d}$ Wharf

Ordered that the consideration of the latter part of the s$^{d}$ Report be postponed until next Meeting And that Gen$^{l}$ Malcom have notice to attend.

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| Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay Moses Smith for his Service as Clerk at the late Election Out Ward | 16/— |
| Ordered the like to pay Henry Barry for the like Service at the late Gen$^{l}$ Election in the Out W$^{d}$ | 20/— |
| Ordered the like to pay Elijah Wedge for one Q$^{r}$ Service as City Cryer | £6: 5:— |

City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s[d] City on Wednesday the 1[st] Day of August 1787.

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Rich[d] Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Ab[m] P Lott | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Tobias Van Zandt | Assist[ts] |
| W[m] W Gilbert | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | John Van Dyk | |
| Tho[s] Hazard | | Corn[s] C Roosevelt | |
| | | John Young | |
| | | Ab[m] Van Gelder | |

Daniel Van Antwerp—Grocer Elias De Grushe—Ropemaker John Dennison—Laborer admitted & sworn freemen of this City

A Return of the Election held in the West W[d] pursuant to the Order of the last Meeting of an Assessor was read by which it appears that John Campbell was duly elected.

Assize of Bread

Ordered that the Assize of Loaf Bread baked in this City for sale be as follows viz[t]

A Loaf of fine wheat Flour to weigh 2[lb]: 1[oz] for six Pence.

A Loaf of like Flour to weigh 1[lb]: ½[oz] for 3[d]

[584] M[r] Mayor delivered to the Board a Paper which he had received from the Chief Justice containing a Representation of the Grand Jurors of the late Court of Oyer & Terminer held in this City suggesting to the said C[t] that a certain Pump in King Street where it intersects Smith Street greatly interrupts the passing in that Street & renders it dangerous and also that the many Signs which project from the Houses are a great Nuisance; Which said Representation was read And thereupon it was ordered that the Ald[n] & Assist[s] of the East & North Wards be a Committee to report the Necessary Measures for removing the said Pump And that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance to remove the Nuisance occasioned by the Signs.

A Request of several Gentlemen students at Law for the Use of the C[t] Room, once a Week; was read & agreed to.

A Petition of Bernardus Swartwout & Bernardus Swartwout Jun[r] praying a Grant of the Soil under Water in the North River on the northerly side of their Lots was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist of the West Ward

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of Hanover Square for the removal of the fire Engine House [585] to the old Slip reported that the prayer of the Petition

ought not to be granted; but that the said Engine House be put in repair; which was read & agreed to by the Board

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Marinus Willet & Alexr McComb Report as the Opinion of the Committee that in consideration of the heavy expence that will attend the docking out and the little advantage that will accrue to the Petitioners from the Grant of the said Water Lots that there be granted to the said Petitioners the Priviledge of the Water extending 390 feet from high Water mark upon Condition that one of the Petitioners immediately erect a Dock thereon reserving to this Board the right of a Street beginning at 200 feet from high Water mark, being in breadth 60 feet & that the same be granted free of any Quit Rent for 42 Years

Augt 1st 1787

Nicholas Bayard
Thos Hazard
Tobias Van Zandt
Geo: Janeway
} Committee

On the Question to agree to the sd Report it passed in the Affirmative as follows vizt

| for the Affirmative | for the Negative |
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| Aldn Hazard | Mr Van Dyk |
| Aldn Gilbert | Mr Roosevelt |
| Mr Van Zandt | Aldn Lott |
| Mr Janeway | |
| Aldn Bayard | |
| Mr Young | |
| Mr Van Gelder | |
| Mr Recorder | |

[586] Ordered that the same Committee report the Quit Rent to be reserved at the expiration of 42 Years & the Price the Petitioners ought to pay for the Soil from high to low Water Mark.

The follows Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Crommelin for sinking a Block at the End of his Wharf in Montgomerie Ward, are of Opinion that the same be granted on his taking out a Grant from this Board on the same Terms with other Proprietors of the Water Lots adjoining.

Augt 1st 1787

Thos Hazard
Tobias Van Zandt
} Committee

The following Report was read & agreed to vizt The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Anthony Griffiths & others for the Regulation of front Street from the old Slip to the fly Market Slip

and the Petition of Cary Ludlow and others for the regulating of Water Street from the Coffee House to the fly Market are of Opinion that the same be granted

Aug$^{t}$ 1$^{st}$ 1787 — Tho$^{s}$ Hazard, John Young } Com-tee

The follow$^{g}$ Report was also read and agreed to viz$^{t}$ "The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Lenox & others for repairing Queens Street from Kings Street to the Fly Market in the same manner as Water Street, are of Opinion that the same be granted

Aug$^{t}$ 1$^{st}$ 1787 — Tho$^{s}$ Hazard, Jn$^{o}$ Young } Committee

[587] Ordered that the Clerk prepare & report the Necessary Ordinances for regulating & paving the said Streets accordingly

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Alsop & others Proprietors of Lots fronting the North River, praying that the several Proprietors of Lots fronting the said River & lying between Roosevelts Slip & the Battery may be compelled to make their respective Proportions of the Street commonly called Greenwich Street without delay; reported that the prayer of the said Petition ought to be granted.

Ordered that John Catang be & he is hereby appointed to keep a public Pound for the pounding of Cattle Horses & Hogs on his Land in the Out Ward of this City.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Hazard & M$^{r}$ Van Zandt be a Committee to examine & direct such Repairs as they may conceive indispensibly necessary to Pecks Slip Market & the Street adjoin$^{g}$ it.

Ordered that the Clerk report an Ordinance for regulating the Sale of Lime within this City

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay (out of the Lamp Fund) to James Parsons for 9 Cask of Oil the Sum of £49:8:11 & to Murray Mumford & Bowen the Sum of £73:13:6 for 9 Cask of strained sperm$^{a}$ Oil.

[588] Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert of the Committee appointed to take the Opinion of Council on the Subject of Peter P. Van Zandt's claim to the Right of a Grant of the Water Lot in front of His House & Lot at the Corner of Burling Slip, delivered in a written Opinion of Samuel Jones & Alexander Hamilton Esq$^{rs}$ on that Subject which was read & filed & is in the Words follow$^{g}$ viz$^{t}$

"Having considered the Matters referred to us by the honorable

"the Common Council of this City, We are of Opinion that the legal "Estate in the Land in front of that granted to Thomas Clarke being "in the Corporation their Lease to David Provoost was of course "valid and sufficient to vest the Term in him but we are at the same "time also of Opinion, that that Lease was a breach of the Covenant "to Clarke by which it is stipulated that he and his Heirs and Assigns "should have the free and full use and enjoyment of the Wharf to be "erected by him; inasmuch as the Wharf and Streets made by Provost "obstructed a part of the Wharf built by Clarke. And we further "think that a Grant of the Reversion of the Land, demised to Provost "to his Representatives would be an additional breach of the Covenant "to Clarke: But a Grant of that land to the Representatives of Clarke "or to any other Person cannot be made so as to take effect in pos- "session during the continuance of the Term. We are also of Opinion "[589] that any Grant of the Residue of the Land in front of that "granted to Clarke would be a breach of the Covenant to Provost "securing to him the free and full use of the Wharf erected by him. "In this State of Things it will remain for the Corporation to decide "what Disposition of the Lands in Question will be most prudent and "attended with least disadvantage

"New York July 17th 1787. Samuel Jones
Alexr Hamilton"

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 6th Day of August 1787.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Jer. Wool
Nichs Bayard
Benj. Blagge
Wm W Gilbert
Thos Hazard
Abm P Lott
} Esqrs Aldn

Tobias Van Zandt
Abm Van Gelder
John Van Dyk
Thos Ten Eyck
Geo. Janeway
} Assistts

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Messrs Van Dyk & Van Gelder be a Committee to examine & audit the Accts of the Commissioners.

[590] Mr Mayor & Mr Recorder with the other Members then proceeded to visit & examine the several Wards of the Alms House & Bridewell. And being returned the Committee appointed to examine the Accts of the Commissioners reported that they had examined the

Commissioners of the Alms House for the last Quarter amounting to £1032:8:9¼ & of the Bridewell amount[e] to £157:0:2¼

An Estimate of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell for the ensuing Quarter viz[t]

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| for the Alms House | £1200:—:— |
| for the Bridewell | 300:—:— |
| | £1500:—:— |

Was laid before the Board & approved.

issued to M[r] Seaman's Son

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay to the Commiss[rs] the said two Sums accordingly

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance to M[r] Van Zandt, one of the Committee appointed to direct Repairs to Pecks Slip Market, the Sum of fifteen Pounds to be by him accounted for.

Ordered that no Person be received into the Alms House to be maintained at the public expence, unless the Order be subscribed by at least two Magistrates.

Ordered that in future the Sick & Well in the Alms House be kept separate & to that end that a Building be provided for the reception of the Sick. And that Ald[n] Wool & Mess[rs] Van Dyk & Van Gelder, be a Committee to examine & [591] report whether a part of the Barracks in the Rear of the Alms House cannot be appropriated to that use

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell be directed to prepare for the information of this Board a general State of the annual Accounts of the said two Houses respectively from the time of their institution viz[t] the 7[th] June 1784 to the 7[th] June last distinguishing particularly the Monies received out of the Treasury and the Monies arising from the labor of Persons confined in each House and the Monies expended annually together with an Estimate of the raw Materials and the Manufactures remaining on hand and of the (out Door) labor performed by the said Persons for the public

[592] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Thursday the 9th Day of Augt 1787

Present/ Mr Mayor
Mr Recorder

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| Benj. Blagge<br>Abm P Lott<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Thos Hazard | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Jno Van Dyk<br>Geo. Janeway | Assists |

Several Proposals for repairing the Fly Market were delivered into the Board Whereupon it was ordered that Aldn Hazard Mr Van Zandt & Mr Janeway be a Committee to contract with such Person or Persons as they shall think proper for making the Repairs to the sd Market giving the preferrence to the Person whose proposals appear most advantageous to this Corporation And that the said Committee superintend the said Work.

On reading a Petition of Peter Hanson Ordered that he be appointed a Culler of Staves & Heads

Aldn Gilbert reported on the Petition of Isaac Delamater. Thereupon Ordered that his District for inspecting of fire Wood be extended to Dey's Slip.

A Petition of Messrs Stevens & Connolly proposing to contract to clear the public Docks & Slips of Mud was read & referred to Aldn Hazard & Messrs Young & Van Zandt

[593] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 22d Day of August 1787

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Abm P Lott<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jer. Wool<br>Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt<br>Thos Ten Eyck<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Geo. Janeway<br>John Young<br>Corns C Roosevelt<br>Jno Van Dyk | Assistts |

A Letter from Henry Remsen Esqr one of the Commissioners for regulating the Lots in the burnt part of the City was read.

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Wool & Messrs Van Zandt Roosevelt & Young be a Committee to meet the said Commissioners on the part of this Board

A Petition of Dan[l] Niven & others complain[g] of an Encroachment made on Cortlandt Street was read & referred to the above Committee

A Petition of Martha Blair Daughter and Administratrix of Ezekiel Archer dec[d] (with the Letter of Administration) praying an Order on the Treasurer to pay her the Monies arising on the Sale of the Improvements on a Lot, situate on the Corner of Chatham & Queen Streets & demised by the Corporation to the said Ezekiel Archer, after deducting the Rent reserved & due on the said Lot; was read

Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay to Martha Blair the said Monies accordingly.

[594] On reading a Petition of the Inhabitants of Robinson & Chapple Streets.

Resolved that the usual Allowance of Ten Pounds be granted to the sinking of a Well in the said Street provided M[r] Kierstead have the making of the Pump & that M[r] Recorder issue a Warr[t] on the Treasurer for the paym[t] of the said Sum accordingly

issued to Lewis Mildebergh

The Committee appointed at the last Quarterly Meeting at the Alms House to examine whether a part of the Barracks could not be appropriated to the use of a Hospital, reported that they had examined the Barracks & that five Tenements thereof ought to be appropriated & put in Repair for that Use; which Report was read & rejected.

Ordered that four Rooms in the Barracks be immediately repaired & put in order for the reception of the Sick Inhabitants of the Alms House and that Ald[n] Wool & Mess[rs] Van Dyk & Roosevelt be a Committee to get the said Rooms repaired accordingly by contract

A Petition of Jn[o] Webbers Collector of the late City Tax praying that a Suit lately commenced ag[t] him by the City Treasurer for a ball[ce] of the said Tax may be discontinued & that his Bond may be accepted for the payment of the said Ball[ce] in a reasonable time was read & the consideration thereof postponed

A Petition of Christopher Colles pray[g] the use of the Exchange Room for the purpose of giving Lectures on Gunnery &[c] was read & granted.

[595] The following Report was read & agreed to viz[t] "The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Riker & others respecting the regulation of S[t] James Street.

Report that the best Mode for regulating said Street be as fol-

lows; that there be dug down opposite Elias Andersons House two feet so as to convey the Water from the Bowery Lane through said Street to the middle of Bankers Street where it must be filled up three feet six Inches, which will make a regular Descent of three Inches on Ten feet, and from thence to the middle of Rutgers Street where it is to be filled up three feet which will make a regular Descent of One Inch on ten feet where there must be made a Sink to Communicate with the Common Sewer that conveys the Water from Roosevelts Street, and from thence to ascend for the Distance of One hundred and fifty feet which will make one Inch on Ten feet thence to descend to the Dock where it is to be raised one foot the Distance being two hundred and Sixty two feet which will make a regular Descent of one Inch on ten feet All which is nevertheless submitted

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| Corn$^{s}$ C Roosevelt | Nicholas Bayard |
| John Young | W$^{m}$ W Gilbert |
| | Ab$^{m}$ P Lott |

[596] Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to advance to Ja$^{s}$ Reynolds the Sum of fifty Pounds on Acc$^{t}$ of his Contract for repairing the Fly Market

Ordered the like to pay Charles Rider a pardoned Convict to defray the expences of his Passage to Albany

Ordered the like to pay the follow$^{g}$ Persons in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ viz$^{t}$

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| Simon Kiersted for 1 Q$^{r}$ Sallary in repair$^{g}$ the public Pumps £30 & his Acc$^{t}$ of extra Repairs £17:13:5 amount$^{g}$ in the whole to | £47:13:5 |
| James Reed & John Clarke for apprehend$^{g}$ & convey$^{g}$ Jesse Scofield (charged with uttering counterfeit public Securities) from Eliz$^{th}$ Town | £2:7:— |
| Dan$^{l}$ Carter for repair$^{g}$ the Lamps | £20:9:6 |
| David Waldron for repairing the Roads | 72:1:6 |
| Rinier Skaats for 1 Q$^{r}$ Services as Messenger £10 & horse hire 4/ | £10:4:— |
| Tobias Van Zandt for the ball$^{ce}$ of his Acc$^{t}$ for repairs to Pecks Slip & Beekmans Slip & Pecks Slip Market | £4:6:3 |

The following Law was passed & ordered to be published viz$^{t}$

A Law to prevent abuses in the Sale of Lime

Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same, That all Lime brought to this City for sale and laden on board of any Vessel loose or in Bulk shall [597] be measured by one of the sworn Measurers appointed for that purpose who may demand and receive for his services at and after the

Rate of eight pence for every Load of twelve Bushels one half thereof to be paid by the Buyer and the other half by the Seller, And if any Cartmen shall cart any such Lime, which shall not have been measured as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of four Shillings for every Load which he shall so cart, to be recovered before the Mayor Recorder or any one of the Aldermen of the said City with Costs of suit by any person who will sue and prosecute for the same to Effect, the one half of the said Forfeiture when recovered to be paid to the Treasurer or Chamberlain of the said City for the use of the Poor thereof, and the other half thereof to the Person who shall sue for the same as aforesaid.

The Clerk according to order bro't in the following Laws or Ordinances which were respectively read & passed viz$^{t}$

"A Law to alter and amend Queen Street from the Fly Market to Kings Street."

"A Law to alter & amend Water Street from the Fly Market to Wall Street"

"A Law to alter & amend First or Front Street from the Old Slip to the Fly Market"

"A Law to alter & amend Wall Street from the City Hall to Queen Street"

[598] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 12$^{th}$ Sept$^{r}$ 1787

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Ab$^{m}$ P Lott<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Thos Hazard<br>Wm Neilson<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Jer: Wool | Esqrs Alds | John Van Dyk<br>John Young<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder<br>Geo. Janeway | Assists |

Ordered that Peter King be & he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Wood (in the place & stead of John Meyer dec$^{d}$) the Board having some time since promised him the first vacancy), And that Isaac Chardevoine should have the next vacancy

Petitions of Ab$^{m}$ Ingraham, Jacob Shourt, Thomas Kinnan to be appointed Inspectors of Wood were read & postponed until the Clerk report to the Board the Names of the several Inspectors & the respective Districts to which they are appointed.

A Petition of Elizabeth Mesier praying remission of part of the

annual Rent of Paulus Hook Ferry; was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Neilson & Hazard & M$^{r}$ Van Zandt

A Petition of Hugh Doyle praying a remission of the Fine for selling Liquor without Licence for which he is confined in Goal; was read & rejected.

A Petition of Daniel Van Antwerp praying to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &$^{c}$ was read. Ordered that he be appointed accordingly

[599] The Ald$^{n}$ and Assistant of the East Ward reported that the fire Engine House in Hanover Square is irrepairable. Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist. contract with some Person to build a New one.

The Treasurer reported that the Lease of Lot N$^{o}$ 32 in Barrack Street was expired that the Rent in Arrear amounted to £43 that he had reentered the said Lot in the Name of the Corporation & desired Instructions as to the future Disposition of the said Lot & the Improvements.

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the North Ward & Ald$^{n}$ Bayard be a Committee to enquire into the Subject of the s$^{d}$ Lot & report their Opinion thereon.

issued to M$^{r}$ Janeway

Ordered that the usual allowance of £10 be granted to the sinking of a Well in such part of Chatham Street as the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the North Ward shall direct and as the said Well will be immediately in the vicinity of the Corporation Estate that the further Sum of £5 be granted to that use & that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer for the paym$^{t}$ of the said two Sums accordingly

The Committee on the Petitions of Mess$^{rs}$ Alsop & Macomb & others relative to the completion of Greenwich Street to the Battery; reported that an Ordinance to compel the several Proprietors to make their Proportions of the s$^{d}$ Street will be necessary.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance & report the same to the Board accordingly

[600] On Motion of Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert Ordered that this Day fortnight be assigned for this Board to decide on the Case of Peter P Van Zandts claim to or application for a grant of the Water Lot in front of his House & Lot at Burlings Slip; And that all the absent Members have notice to attend

Ordered that as Many of the Vagrants in Bridewell as may be necessary do attend the Orders of the Ald$^{n}$ of the S$^{o}$ Ward to convey earth to fill up the Street at the Whitehall Slip.

The Board, purs[t] to Law, proceed to the appointment of Inspectors to superintend the ensuing Election of Charter Officers in and for this City & the Place in each Ward for holding the s[d] Elections & the follow[g] Persons & Places were appointed viz[t]

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| South Ward | Thomas Randall | Exchange |
| Dock Ward | Peter Elting | at the front of M[r] Ab[m] Brinckerhoffs H[s] |
| East Ward | Jacob Abramse | Coffee House |
| North Ward | James Chrystie | City Hall |
| West Ward | Nicholas Bogert | Oswego Market |
| Montg[y] Ward | Corn[s] J Bogert | Pecks Slip Market |
| Out Ward | Wendel Boos | Bulls Head Tavern |

The Clerk according to order presented a Law relative to Signs which was read agreed to by the Board & passed into a Law viz[t]

"A Law to prevent the erecting or suspending of Signs to project into the Streets of this City"

Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay the follow[g] Persons the [601] following Sums in full of their respective Acc[ts] viz[t]

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| issued | Henry Shute for Repairs to the Roads | | £94: 5: 9 |
| D[o] | James Reynolds for new rooffing the Fly Market agreable to Contract | | 221:11: 9 |
| D[o] | Van Dolsom & Lafoy as Clerks at the late Gen[l] Election in the W[t] Ward | | 2:—:— |
| D[o] | W[m] J Elsworth for Repairs to and superntend[g] the fire Engines | | 62: 0: 9 |
| D[o] & deliv[d] to M[r] Janeway | Solomon Davis for Carpenters Repairs to the Goal | | 21: 4: 6 |
| issued | John Stagg for Mason Repairs to the City Hall & Goal | | 26: 3:— |
| | Ab[m] Van Gelder for Lighting the City Lamps— | | |
| | for May | £30:12:— | |
| | for June | 30:12:— | |
| | for July | 30:13: 4 | |
| issued | for Aug[t] | 30:17: 4 | |
| | for his Acc[ts] of Cartage & his Salary for 1 Y[r] to the 16[th] June last at £65 p[r] Annum | 103: 2: 3 | |
| | | | £225:16:11 |

[602] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Saturday the 22d Septr 1787.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Wm Neilson | Esqrs Alds | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| Jer: Wool | | John Van Dyk | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Cornl C Roosevelt | |
| Benja Blagge | | John Young | |
| Abm P Lott | | | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | | |

The Alderman of Montgomerie Ward informed the Board that in consequence of the late great fall of Rain the Common Sewer which conveys the Water out of Ferry Street into the East River had burst and that the Street had so fallen in as to endanger the adjacent Buildings; And therefore suggested to the Board the Necessity of making immediate Provision for repairing the Injury. Thereupon ordered that Alda Blagge, Gilbert & Hazard & Messrs Young & Van Zandt be a Committee to direct the repairing of the said Drain in such manner as to them shall appear most effectual and œconomical.

The Board being informed that Wendel Boos inspector of the ensuing Election in the Out Wd cannot (by reason of bodily Indisposition) discharge the Duties of that Office And that James Christie Inspector of the said Election in the North Ward is gone beyond Sea.

Henry Rutgers was nominated & appointed in the stead of Wendel Boos And Evert Bancker in the stead of James Christie.

[603] A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street complaining of several vacant Lots in the said Street which contain stagnant Water very prejudicial to the Health of the sd Inhabitants was read & referred to the Alda & Assista of Montgomerie & the Out Wards.

Alda Gilbert delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

We the Subscribers to whom was referred a Petition lately preferred to this Board by Daniel Nevin and others setting forth that some Buildings are now erecting at the lower end of Cortlandt Street in the West Ward of this City by which the Street or Passage along the South Side of the Slip there, is greatly contracted and rendered very Inconvenient to Passengers in Crossing the North River, and that the said Obstructions are on Publick property. Do Report that we have inquired into the Allegations and Complaint of the said Petition. And find that in the Year 1701 a Grant was made by the Corporation of the City of New York, to Peter Jansen Mesier whereby they released

and conveyed to him his Heirs and Assigns a certain Piece or Parcel of Ground in the said West Ward, from High to Low Water mark Containing along the Strand at high Water Mark, and in the Rear at Low Water Mark 18 Rodd. 2 feet and 8 inches, and in Depth on the South and North sides thereof from high to Low Water Mark 93 feet or thereabouts.

That we also find that in the Year 1760 a Grant was made by the said Corporation of a Water Lot to Abraham Mesier, the same lying in Front of part of the said Ground conveyed as aforesaid to the said Peter Jansen Mesier, and Containing [604] Seventy four feet and an half in breadth, and in length from Low Water mark into Hudsons River 200 feet, the said Abraham Mesier to build a Wharf Street or Pier of 18 feet English Measure in Breadth, to front a certain Street or Publick Slip there to be made leading from Cortlandt Street to Hudsons River.

That we further find that the said Cortlandt Street was originally forty feet in Breadth, but that the Owners of the Ground there have given up five feet on the North and South sides thereof to make the said Street fifty feet.

That we have reason to believe that the Complaint in that Petition points at a Dwelling house now building by Abraham Bussing on the South side of the said Cortlandt Street.

That if the said Complaint respects the said Dwelling House as we believe it doth, the same appears to us to be Ill founded, because we are of Opinion that the House is not an Encroachment on the Publick Property, but that the same is built on part of the Ground Conveyed as aforesaid to the said Peter Jansen Mesier and not on Ground comprehended within the Grant to the said Abraham Mesier, as the Petitioners seem to believe from their referring this Board to the aforesaid Grant to him.

That in order to be ascertained of the said Fact we have made due Inquiry, and from the best Information we could collect and other Evidence which the view of the place afforded us, We have not any doubt that the said Abraham Bussing had an Indisputable right to place and erect his said House in the manner he hath done, the same being on his own Soil, and built according [605] to the Directions of John MaComb one of the City Surveyors on a Parrallel line with the other Houses on the South side of the said Street.

That we are of Opinion, in case the said House was Actually built on Ground reserved to this Corporation in the Grant to the said Abraham Mesier, it would not have been proper to have placed it out of

the Range of the said Street, because the same would necessarily Occasion a break in the said Street, and Spoil the Uniformity and Beauty thereof.

That we are of this Opinion, because we think that the said Street of the breadth it now is, is sufficiently wide to answer all the Purposes of a Publick Street, taking even into Consideration its connection with a Publick Ferry.

Upon the whole this Committee are of Opinion that the Petitioners (whatever Commendation they may deserve for their Extraordinary Vigilance Zeal and Attention to the Publick Interest) are mistaken as to the matters suggested in the said Petition, and that no such Encroachments as yet have been made on the Property of the Publick as are set forth in their said Petition

Wm Wm Gilbert
Jeremh Wool
Cornse C Roosevelt
Tobias Van Zandt

A Petition of Peter R Kissam was read setting forth that he has an Intention of purchasing the Right of James Barrett to a certain Lot of the Corporation at Pecks Slip which the said Berrard (Barrett) purchased at Vendue for the Term of 21 Years from the first [606] Day of May last at 35/ pr foot pr Annum that the said Barrett having left the City the said Lot remains unoccupied—that the Price of the said Lot exceeds the price of the adjacent Lots and is more than the Business at that place will afford Wherefore the said Peter Kissam proposes to purchase Barretts Right & become answerable for the Rent from the first of May last Provided the Corporation will grant him a Lease for the same for 21 Years at the Rate of thirty Shillings Pr foot per Annm

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to Mr Kissam for the said Lot accordingly

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# MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

OCTOBER 2, 1787, TO AUGUST 20, 1790

[1] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Tuesday the 2d Day of October 1787

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benja Blagge | Esqrs Alda | Tobias Van Zandt | Assista |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Wm Neilson | | John Van Dyk | |
| Thos Hazard | | John Young | |
| Jer. Wool | | Geo. Janeway | |

Pursuant to the Directions of the *the* Law of the State entitled "An Act for emitting the Sum of two hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of credit for the purposes therein mentioned" passed the 18th April 1786 Robert Ray & Evert Bancker Esquires Loan Officers of the City and County of New York laid before this Board the Books of Mortgages Minutes and Accounts by them taken and kept as Loan Officers as aforesaid And the Board having carefully inspected and examined the said Mortgages Minutes and Accounts Do find that the said Loan Officers have lent out upon Interest at five per Centum per annum the Sum of Thirty two thousand Pounds on Sundry Mortgages by them produced and this Board are of Opinion that the said Sum of thirty two Thousand Pounds is lent out and well secured by Mortgage on Lands & [2] Tenements, That the said Loan Officers have paid into the Treasury of this State the Sum of One thousand three hundred & seventy eight Pounds nineteen Shillings and seven Pence; which Sum, together with eighty Pounds by them retained in their Hands for their Salary, amounts to One thousand four hundred and fifty eight Pounds nineteen Shillings and seven Pence the full Interest of the said Sum of thirty two thousand Pounds to the third Tuesday in June 1787 And further that it appears to this Board that the said Loan Officers have faithfully discharged the Trust in them reposed and performed their Duty in manner as by the said Law is directed & required.

The Clerk laid before the Board the Returns of the Elections in the several Wards on the 29th Ulto for Charter Officers for the ensuing Year from which it appears that the follows Persons were duly elected. viz

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| | Jeremiah Wool | Alderman |
| | Joseph Pierson | Assistant |
| South Ward | William Brown, Daniel Ebbets | Assessors |
| | Elijah Price | Collector |
| | William Grinding, Elijah Price | Constables |

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| | Peter Elting | Alderman |
| | Anthony Griffiths | Assistant |
| Dock Ward | John Oothout, Conrad W Ham | Assessors |
| | William Gilbert | Collector |
| | John Wessels, Samuel Stockwell | Constables |
| [3] | Thomas Hazard | Alderman |
| | James Nicholson | Assistant |
| East Ward | Alexander Robertson, Joseph Hallet | Assessors |
| | James Van Brackel | Collector |
| | Barnt Newkerk, James Van Brackel | Constables |
| | William W Gilbert | Alderman |
| | Abraham Van Gelder | Assistant |
| West Ward | William Thompson, Stephen Van Cortlandt | Assessors |
| | Thomas Lafoy | Collector |
| | John Reins, Robert Berwick | Constables |
| | John Wylley | Alderman |
| | George Janeway | Assistant |
| North Ward | Robert Cocks, White Matlack | Assessors |
| | Peter Hulick | Collector |
| | Henry Birtsall, Peter Hulick | Constables |
| | Benjamin Blagge | Alderman |
| | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistant |
| Montgomerie Ward | Samuel Gilford, John Murray | Assessors |
| | Christian Will | Collector |
| | John Fleming, John Faulkner | Constables |
| | Nicholas Bayard | Alderman |
| | Cornelius C Roosevelt | Assistant |
| | Isaac Varian, Jacob Harsen — Bowery Division | Assessors |
| | Richard Furman — Do | Collector |
| Out Ward | Lewis A Gautier, John Dietz — Do | Constables |
| | William Nagel, John Meyer — Harlem Division | Assessors |
| | Andrew McGown — Do | Collector |
| | John Adrianse, Hessel Pym — Do | Constables |

[4] Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert, Wool & Hazard & Mess$^{rs}$ Van Gelder & Roosevelt be a Committee to examine the Treasurers Books & Accounts &$^{c}$

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of the North & South Wards be a Committee to direct the decayed Brick Work of the City Hall to be repaired & the Street in the rear to be paved & to devise & direct Measures for making the Roof tight.

issued Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to advance M$^{r}$ Tobias Van Zandt £50 towards the Repairs to the Drain in ferry Street

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 10$^{th}$ Day of October 1787.

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

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| Benj$^{a}$ Blagge<br>Ab$^{m}$ P Lott<br>W$^{m}$ W Gilbert<br>Jer$^{h}$ Wool<br>Nich$^{s}$ Bayard<br>Thos Hazard | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Tobias Van Zandt<br>Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder<br>Cors$^{s}$ C Roosevelt<br>John Van Dyk<br>Geo. Janeway |

Assist$^{s}$

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert, Bayard & Wool & Mess$^{rs}$ Van Gelder & Van Dyk be a Committee to direct the Breadth of the Area in front of the new Buildings of Mess$^{rs}$ Macombe & others in the Broad Way.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers Books &$^{c}$, do report that they have attended to that business, that there appears a Ballance of £261:13:7 due to sundry [5] Persons on their respective Accounts, a Ballance of £342:17:8 due to the City Treasurer on the settlement of the Cash Account and the Sum of £2296:19:9 to the City of New York and that the Amount of outstanding Debts is £2901:11; which is submitted to the Board.

W$^{m}$ W Gilbert
Jerem$^{h}$ Wool
Thom$^{s}$ Hazard
Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder

Resolved that this Board will indemnify the Treasurer or Chamberlain on his discontinuing his Suit against John Webbers late Collector of Taxes of the Bowery Division in the Out Ward: Provided he take a Bond from the said John Webbers with good Security for his paying into the Treasury within six Months from this Day all the Monies which may be due from him as Collector of Taxes as afore-

said & also on the said John Webbers paying the Costs of Suit which may have accrued

The Board proceeded to the Consideration of the Case of Peter P Van Zandt relative to his Application for a Grant of the Water Lot at Burlings Slip & after some time spent therein the further consideration was postponed until to Morrow Morning.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer issued to advance Mr Tobias Van Zandt the further Sum of £100 towards Repairs to the Drain in Ferry Street.

[6] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 11th Day of Octr 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Wm Neilson<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jer. Wool<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Thos Hazard | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt<br>Cornl C Roosevelt<br>Geo. Janeway<br>John Young<br>Jno Van Dyk<br>Abm Van Gelder | Assists |

The Board reasumed the Consideration of the Case of Peter P Van Zandt and after some further time spent therein it was Ordered that Aldn Gilbert Hazard & Wool & Messrs Young & Van Gelder be a Committee to treat with Mr Van Zandt on the Subject, to enquire into & report to the Board what Damages he may have sustained by Loss of Wharfage by Means of the Corporation's having granted to David Provoost a part of the Water Lot (for the public Use as a Street) by him prayed for.

Aldn Gilbert from the Committee appointed Yesterday reported to the Board that the Committee had directed the Area in front of the new Houses in the Broad Way should extend six feet in the clear that [7] the extent of the Railing be six & an half feet from the front of the Houses and that the Street when paved should have a Walk on each side for foot Passengers of fifteen feet; which was approved by the Board.

The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board vizt

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Buchannan praying for the exclusive Right of the Slip & Pier in the Out Ward known by the Name of Rutgers's Slip: provided he make the Pier 24 feet in Breadth at his own Expence Report that they have

examined the Grant given by the Corporation to Hendrick Rutgers in the Year 1773 and find that he is not under any obligation of making a Pier along the West side of the said Slip and in consideration of the Petitioners being at a great expence in making the said Pier, are of Opinion that there be granted to the Petitioner the free Right of Wharfage for his own Vessels for the space of Fifteen Years.

Nicholas Bayard
Corn[s] C Roosevelt

[8] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Monday the 15[th] Day of October 1787.

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor
Richard Varick Esq[r] Recorder

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| Benj[a] Blagge | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Ab[m] Van Gelder | Assist[s] |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | George Janeway | |
| W[m] W Gilbert | | Corn[s] C Roosevelt | |
| Jerem[h] Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Thomas Hazard | | James Nicholson | |
| Peter Elting | | Anthony Griffiths | |
| John Wylley | | Joseph Pierson | |

His Excellency the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council of appointment having been pleased to reappoint the honorable James Duane Esquire to the Office of Mayor &[c] &[c] of this City for the ensuing Year; M[r] Mayor attended by the Aldermen & Clerk waited on his Excellency the Governor & before him & in presence of the Aldermen took the Oaths, by the Charter of this City prescribed & directed And being returned to the City Hall, after the ringing of three Bells & proclamation made for keeping silence, the Mayors Commission was published. M[r] Mayor then returned into the Common Council Chamber, and (after taking and subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance & of Office as by Law is directed & prescribed before Robert Benson Esq[r] Clerk of the said City) [9] administered to the several Officers following the Oaths in and by the Charter of this City & the Laws of this State prescribed & directed. viz[t]

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| Benjamin Blagge | Ald[n] | Ab[m] Van Gelder | Assist[s] |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | George Janeway | |
| W[m] W Gilbert | | Corn[s] C Roosevelt | |
| Jerem[h] Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Tho[s] Hazard | | James Nicholson | |
| Peter Elting | | Anthony Griffiths | |
| John Wylley | | Joseph Pierson | |

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| William Brown<br>Daniel Ebbets<br>John Oothout<br>Conrad W Ham<br>Stephn Van Cortlandt<br>Robert Cocks<br>White Matlack<br>John Murray<br>Isaac Varian<br>Jacob Harsen<br>Wm Nagel<br>John Meyer | Assessors | Elijah Price<br>Wm Gilbert<br>James Van Brackel<br>Thomas Lafoy<br>Peter Hulick<br>Christian Will<br>Andrew McGown | Collectors |
| Wm Grinding<br>John Wessels<br>Barnt Newkerk<br>John Reins<br>Lewis A Gautier<br>John Dietz | Constables | Robert Berwick<br>Henry Birtsal<br>John Fleming<br>John Faulkner<br>John Adrianse | Constables |

Daniel Phœnix Esqr Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City who produced his Bond duly executed with two Sureties for the faithfull execution of his Office which was approved by the Board & filed

His Excellency the Governor by & with the Advice & Consent of the Council of Appointment having been pleased to appoint Robert Boyd Esqr to the Office of Sherif of this City & County Mr Boyd attended, produced his Commission & took the Oath prescribed by the Charter of this City.

[10] Samuel Gilford an Assessor for Montgomerie Wd attending offered to the Board satisfactory Evidence of his inability (by reason of bodily Infirmity) to discharge the Duties of that Office—Richard Furman Collector of the Bowery Division in the Out Ward, and Samuel Stockwell Constable of the Dock Ward, being neither Freemen or Freeholders their respective Offices were declared vacant Elijah Price, James Van Brackel & Peter Hulick being respectively elected to the Offices of Collector & Constable, the Board determined it improper, that the same Person should exercise both Offices & they having respectively made their election of the Office of Collector the Office of Constable in the respective Wards for which they were elected was declared vacant, Thereupon ordered that Elections in the respective Wards where the above Vacancies have taken place, be held on Thursday the 25th Instant to fill the said vacancies.

Samuel Stockwell, Cooper
Richard Furman, Painter & Glazier } were respectively admitted & sworn freemen

[11] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 24th Day of October 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Benja Blagge, Thos Hazard, Wm W Gilbert, Nichs Bayard, Jeremh Wool, Jno Wylley, Peter Elting } Esqrs Aldn

Abm Van Gelder, Tobias Van Zandt, Jas Nicholson, Joseph Pierson, Geo. Janeway, Corns C Roosevelt } Assistts

John Harrison, Cordwainer; James Reid Laborer; Samuel Lillick Do; John Lovet Do } were respectively admitted & sworn freemen of this City

Assize of Bread— flour @ 37/6 pr barrl— Ordered that the Assize of Bread baked in this City for sale be as follows vizt

A Loaf of fine wheat Flour to weigh 2lb 5 oz for six pence.

A Loaf of like Flour to weigh 1lb 2½ oz for 3d—

Resolved that at the Expiration of one Month all Bread baked of wheat Flour for sale be of inspected superfine Flour.

A Letter from Mr Phœnix the Treasurer to Mr Mayor requesting the Opinion of the Board whether they deem the Security offered by John Webbers, vizt Webbers of the Out Ward, sufficient to secure the Sum due from him as Collector of the Bowery Division in the Out Ward, And informing the Board that there is in the Hands of William Hardenbrook late Collector of Montgomerie Ward a considerable Sum of Money by him collected of the [12] outstanding Arrears on the partial Tax, which he is required by Law to pay into the City Treasury and as the Purposes for which this Money is appropriated may not take place for some time Mr Treasurer would propose disposing of it towards the discharge of Interest on the Bonds against the Corporation to be replaced out of the Revenue Fund.

Resolved that this Board are of Opinion that the Security offered by John Webbers is sufficient And that this Board do approve of the Disposition proposed by Mr Treasurer in his said Letter of the Money he may receive of the Collector of the partial Tax.

Aaron Gilbert, Superintendant of the City Watch having signified his Desire of being discharged from that Office The Board proceeded to the nomination & appointmt of two Persons to execute the Office And, after reading the Petitions of Frederick Wiessenfels, Bartholo-

mew Skaats, Corn[s] Becker, Richard Norris, James Campbell John Van Allen, Magnus Beekman, Tho[s] White & Henry Birtsall, all soliciting the said Office, Frederick Wiessenfels and Bartholomew Skaats were nominated and appointed joint Superintendants of the City Watch accordingly

Ordered that they enter on the execution of their Office on Monday next—that they watch alternately every other night on the same pay as the former Superintendant

[13] A vacancy of an Inspector of Wood have taken place by the decease of Christopher Demarest The Board proceeded to appoint an Inspector in his stead, when the Petitions of Isaac Chardevoyne Jacob Shourt, Abraham Ingraham, Thomas Kinnan, Michael Sandford, Cornelius Meyer Jasper Ten Broeck, Daniel Davo, Abraham Storm & John Young; praying to be appointed to that Office, And Isaac Chardevoyne was nominated & appointed to the said Office of Inspector of Cord Wood in the stead of the said Christopher Demarrest accordingly

Ordered that Ald[n] Elting & Mess[rs] Griffiths & Nicholson be the standing Committee for the auditing of all Accounts which may be exhibited to this Board for payment

The Following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter T Curtenius surviving Partner of the late Association of Sharpe Curtenius & C[o] do report that there appears to be due to the said Company the Sum of One hundred & fourteen Pounds Six Shillings & one penny & that the same was due on the 2[d] Day of April 1776.

W[m] Neilson
Thomas Hazard
Tho[s] Ten Eyck

The Board being informed that M[r] Curtenius was willing to accept of a Bond from the Corporation for the said Sum with the usual Interest until the Treasurer was enabled to discharge it—It was ordered that the Clerk prepare a Bond to M[r] Curtenius, the Interest to commence this Day accordingly.

[14] Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to advance Rinier Skaats the Sum of £35 towards
issued purchasing fire Wood for Court Room & Watch House

Ordered the like to advance M[r] Tobias Van Zandt the further
issued Sum of £100 towards Repairs on the Drain in ferry Street.

Ordered the like to pay the follow[g] Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acc[ts] viz[t]

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| issued | Ab[m] Van Gelder for lighting & cleans the public Lamps from 26[th] Augt to 26[th] Septr | £31: 1: 4 |
| issued | Elijah Wedge for 1 Qr Services as City Cryer due the 13[th] Inst | 6: 5:— |
| issued | Walter Heyer for Liquor &c on the 4[th] July last being the anniversary of our Independence | 24: 6: 6 |
| issued | Jno Goodeve for a Box of Candles | 2:18: 4 |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey for 1 Qr Services as public Whipper due 27[th] Septr last | 6: 5:— |
| issued | James Hill for glazing public Lamps | 26: 8:— |
| | the same for glazing &c Goal | 5: 8: 7 |
| issued | Stephens & Connolly for the use of the Machine in taking Mud out of the Fly Market Slip | 25:—:— |
| issued | Cornˢ Fish, David R Bogert Walter McDonald—Jno W Gilbert & Anthony Blanchard 16/ each as Clerks at the late annual Election for Charter Officers | 4:—:— |

The Clerk according to order presented a Law or Ordinance for compleating Greenwich Street which was read & passed into a Law. viz[t] "A Law to compleat the filling up and making of Greenwich "Street from Cortlandt Street to the Battery"

[15] Whereas the Commissioners named in and appointed by the Law of this State entitled An Act to appoint Commissioners to settle and adjust any differences which may arise between the proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New York the Buildings whereof were Burnt in the Year 1776. and for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining to such Lots. have laid out the Street commonly called Greenwich Street to be continued from Cortlandt Street to the Battery of the Wedth of 66 feet, And whereas many of the proprietors of Lots fronting the said Street have hitherto neglected to fill up and make their proportion of the said Street in front of their said Lots to the great prejudice of those who have compleated their proportions of the said Street

Be it therefore ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same, That the said Street called Greenwich Street be without delay filled up and made compleat from Courtlandt Street to the Battery, and that the several and respective Proprietors of Lots fronting the said Street be and they are hereby required without delay to cause their several and respective Proportions of the said Street to be filled up and made agreable to such Directions and Regulations as shall be given by the sworn Surveyors of the said City or either of them.

[16] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 31st Day of Octr 1787 at the City Hall of the said City.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Jeremh Wool, Nichs Bayard, Peter Elting, John Wylley } Esqrs Aldn

George Janeway, James Nicholson, Joseph Pierson, Abm Van Gelder } Assistts

Lambert Andriesen Laborer, Philip Burgin Cooper, Gilbert Woodhull, Grocer } admitted & sworn freemen of this City

The Clerk laid before the Board the Returns of the Elections in the several Wards, pursuant to the Order of the 15th Instant, to fill the several places declared vacant, And the following Persons appeared to have been duly elected vizt

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| William Irwin | Assessor for | Montgy Ward |
| Richard Furman | Collector for | Bowery Division |
| Samuel Stockwell | Constable, for the | Dock Ward |
| James Read | Do | So Ward |
| Peter Hoyer | Do | No Ward |
| John Harrison | Do | East Ward |

Who severally took & subscribed the Oaths of Office &c &c as by the Charter of this City and the Laws of this State are prescribed & directed.

Peter Hulick elected at the late election Collector of the North Wd signified to the Board his inability to procure the Security required by Law for the due execution of his Office & requesting to be discharged from the said Office

Ordered that an Election be held in the North Ward next Thursday Week of a Collector in his stead.

[17] Mr Mayor laid before the Board some Papers which he had received from the Citizens containg hints for the better Regulation of the City Watch which were referred to Aldn Hazard Elting & Wool to report on.

A Petition of Philip Burgin to be appointed a packer & Culler & referred to the Aldn & Assists of Montgy & the Out Ward

A Petition of Philip Burgin to be appointed a packer & Culler & a Petition of Moses Gale to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &c &c were respectively read & granted Ordered that they be appointed accordingly

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Gold Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assists of the East & North Wards.

A Petition of the public Measurers pray$^{g}$ that those appointed by the State to Measure dutiable Articles may be restricted from Measuring Articles not dutiable; And a counter Petition thereto, were respectively read & postpon'd

A Petition of Thomas Sloo praying a Lease of a Lot of Ground at the Bear Market was read and referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the West Ward

Ald$^{n}$ Wool laid before the Board Proposals of Joseph Pierson & Ephraim Whitlock for altering & repairing a part of the Barracks for an Hospital for the Sick of the Alms House the former at £65 & the latter at £60—Ordered that the Committee make the contract with M$^{r}$ Whitlock accordingly

A Petition of David Barclay praying some allowance for paving the Street, at Pecks Slip, in front of his Lot leased of the Corporation was read and referred to the Treasurer.

[18] A Petition of Eliakim Ford complaining of the practice of a number of Cartmen in placing their Horses & Carts in the Street opposite to his House & thereby greatly injure him in his Business; was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Blagge

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Wylley & Bayard & M$^{r}$ Janeway be a Committee to survey the Goal & report the necessary Repairs.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrants to the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ viz$^{t}$

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| issued | John Stagg for Repairs to the City Hall..... | £31:18:3 |
| issued | Evert Bancker Jun$^{r}$ for collect$^{g}$ the Names of the Proprietors of the Lots on Delancey's Ground in the Out for the Assessors of the Bowery Division..... | 8:—:— |
| issued | Edward Doughty for Shingles for the Goal..... | 9:—:— |
| issued | Joseph Strong as Clerk of the late Election of Charter Officers and of an Election since for a Constable in the South Ward..... | 1:12:— |
| issued | Robert Cocks Jun$^{r}$ for the like Services in the North Ward ..... | 1:12:— |
| issued | Walter M$^{c}$Donald for the like Service in the Bowery Division ..... | 0:16:— |

[19] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 5th Day of Novr 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Peter Elting | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assistts |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Thos Hazard | | James Nicholson | |
| John Whylley | | Joseph Pierson | |
| Benja Blagge | | | |

Ordered that Aldn Hazard & Elting & Mr Nicholson be a Committee to examine & audit the Commissrs Books & Accts for the last Quarter

Mr Mayor with the other Members proceeded to visit the several Wards of the Alms House & Bridewell.

Mr Mayor & the Members being returned the Committee reported that they had examined & audited the Commissioners Books & Accts & found them just and right. vizt

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| The Alms House Accts for the last Qr amounts to..... | £885: 9: 2 |
| The Bridewell Accts for the last Qr..... | 316:16:— |
| | £1202: 5: 2 |

An Estimate of the Commissioners for the ensuing Quarter was then read & agreed to. vizt

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| For the Alms House..... | £1000:—:— |
| For the Bridewell..... | 200:—:— |
| Total..... | £1200:—:— |

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to Wm De Peyster. for the payment of the Said Sum to the Commissioners accordingly issued

[20] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 14th Day of November 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benja Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Jas Nicholson | Assistts |
| Nichs Bayard | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Joseph Pierson | |
| Peter Elting | | Geo. Janeway | |

Isaac Brower laborer was admitted & sworn a free Man of this City.

A Return of the Election held in the North Ward purs$^{t}$ to the Order of the 31$^{st}$ Ult$^{o}$ of a Collector in the stead of Peter Hulick was read; whereby it appeared that John Fox was duly elected.

M$^{r}$ Fox attending took & subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance & Office by the Charter of this City & the Laws of this State prescribed and directed.

A Petition of Gen$^{l}$ Malcom relative to a Difference between him & the Corporation Wharfinger as to the Wharfage on the East Side of Beekman Slip; was read & referred to the Committee who heretofore had that Subject under Consideration.

M$^{r}$ Henry Kipp & Gen$^{l}$ Malcom attended the Board & requested that a Committee be appointed on the part of the Corporation to meet the Proprietors of the Ground adjacent to the Barracks in order to ascertain the Line between the Corporation & their Property [21] And also to lay out a Street between them. Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{ts}$ of the West & North Wards be a Committee for that purpose accordingly

It being represented to the Board that great encroachments have been made on *Fresh Water Pond.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder be requested on behalf of this Corporation immediately to institute Suits ag$^{t}$ all Persons who may have made such Encroachments as afores$^{d}$

The Treasurer reported on the Petition of David Barclay "that from several Circumstances he is disposed to admit the payment of Rent to the Year 1775 which he believes is agreable to the Receipt to M$^{r}$ Barclay."

Ordered that the Treasurer credit M$^{r}$ Barclay in his settlement with him for the Rent of the Lot at Pecks Slip accordingly

Ordered that the other part of M$^{r}$ Barclays Petition where he prays an Allowance for the expence of paving the Street in front of the said Lot, be referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of Montg$^{y}$ Ward.

Charles Dawson in the Oswego & William Everit in the fly Market Butchers having totally neglected to attend their Business at their Stalls or standings in the Market. Resolved that their respective Licences be & they are hereby declared terminated & the said Standings in the said Markets vacant

A Petition of Jeremiah Stone praying to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &$^{c}$ was read & granted Ordered that he be appointed accordingly.

[22] A Petition of Peter Webbers late Collector of Taxes in the

* Marginal note reads *Collect.*—Ed.

Bowery Division of the Out Ward praying Relief in a Suit brought against him by the City Treasurer for the Arrears on the partial Tax; was read & dismissed.

A Petition of Robert Crommelin prayᵍ a Grant or Permission to carry a Pier 100 feet into the East River in front of his Wharf commonly called the Crane Wharf was read & referred to the Aldⁿ & Assistant of Montgomerie Ward

Aldⁿ Bayard informed the Board that Mʳ Cuttang who was some time ago appointed Keeper of the public Pound in the Out Ward had declined the Office & that Thomas White was willing to accept it.

Ordered that Thomas White be & he is hereby appointed Keeper of the Pound in the Out Ward accordingly

Ordered that Mʳ Skaats be directed not to permit any Person to occupy or use any of the unoccupied Rooms in the City Hall without the Order of this Board

issued Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to advance Ephraim Whitlock the Sum of twenty Pounds on Accᵗ of his Contract to repair & fit up a part of the Barracks for an Hospital for the use of the Alms House.

issued Ordered the like to advance John Stagg the Sum of fifteen Pounds on Accᵗ of paving in the Rear of the City Hall.

Ordered the like to pay the followᵍ Persons the followᵍ Sums in full of their respective Accᵗˢ vizᵗ

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| [23] issued | Anthony Blanchard as Clerk at the late Election of an Assessor in Montgʸ Wᵈ | £0:16:— |
| issued | Peter Elting Junʳ for the like in the Dock Ward | 0:16:— |
| issued | Robert Cock's Junʳ for the like in the North Ward | 0:16:— |
| issued | Joseph Beck for sweeping Chimnies at the City Hall, Goal & Bridewell | 3: 9:— |
| issued | David Morris for Repairs to the fire Engine Nº 15 | 17: 7: 5 |
| issued | Garret Kipp for fire Wood by him furnished the Goal in 1784 & 85 | 6:15: 2 |
| issued | Elias Nixen for 5 Cask lamp Oil | 35:17: 5 |
| issued | Jonᵃ Pearssee for his several monthly Accᵗˢ of subsisting the criminal Prisoners from Augᵗ 1786 to September last inclusive | 349: 3: 8 |

City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 21st Day of Novr 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Wm Nicholson | Assistts |
| Jeremh Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Peter Elting | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Whylley | | George Janeway | |
| Thos Hazard | | Abm Van Gelder | |

Jeremiah Stone, laborer
Jonas Roe do,
Anthony Tiebout do,
} were severally admitted & sworn Free Men of this City

On Motion of Aldn Gilbert (to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report of the 27th June last on the Subject of the Triangular Piece of Ground at the junction of the Post & Bloomingdale Roads)

[24] Ordered that Aldn Elting & Mr Van Zandt in addition to Aldn Gilbert be a Committee to examine into the Facts & report on the Subject of the said Piece of Ground

Elijah Price Collector of Taxes in the South Ward being confined in Goal for Debt & incapacitated to discharge the Duties of that Office; the Board declared the Office vacant And Ordered that an Election be held in the said Ward at the Exchange on Tuesday next of a Collector in his stead.

A Petition of William Everit Butcher praying to be reinstated in his Stall & Standing in the Fly Market was read & rejected.

Ordered that Aldn Hazard & Elting & Mr Nicholson be a Committee to enquire into the Situation of the Fly Market & to report such Regulations as they may conceive Salutary

Ordered that Aldn Bayard direct such Repairs to Kings Bridge as may be necessary.

A Petition of Simon Van Antwerp to hire a vacant Lot of the Corporation at the Bear Market was read & referred to the Committee on the Petition of Thomas Sloo who prayed for the same Lot

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistts of the North & West Wards be a Committee to enquire into and report Measures for preventing a Nuisance at the end of the Oswego Market.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the followg Sums in full of their respective Acctts vizt

[25] Simon Kiersted for 1 Qr Repairs to the public Wells & Pumps & for his Acct of extra Work beyond his Contract ..... £40: 1: 1

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| issued | Abraham Van Gelder for lighting & cleaning the public Lamps from the 26th Septr to the 26th Octr last..... | £31:14: 8 |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for his Service 1 Qr as Door Keeper & Messenger from 15th Augt to the 15th Instant & for extra Service ..... | 10:—:— |
| issued | Wm Heyer for his Acct of Ironmongery for the City Hall ..... | 5: 6:10 |
| issued | Henry Shute for Repairs to the Roads..... | 71: 4:— |

The Committee, consisting of Aldn Hazard Wool & Elting, who were appointed to consider of & report Orders & Regulations for the Govt & Direction of the City Night Watch reported the same, which were read & considered by Paragraphs & agreed to and adopted by the Board

Ordered that Mr Janeway & Mr Pierson be added to the said Committee & that the Committee take the necessary Measures for carrying the said Orders & Regulations into execution.

[26] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 5th Day of December 1787.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Peter Elting<br>John Whylley<br>Benja Blagge<br>Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | James Nicholson<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Joseph Pierson<br>George Janeway | Assistts |

Conrad Evener. Laborer admitted & sworn a free Man of this City.

Assize of Bread
Wheat Flour 40/ pr barl
Rye Flour 12/

Be it ordained that the Assize of Bread baked & exposed for sale in this City be as follows

A Loaf of inspected superfine Wheat Flour to weigh 2lb 5oz for Six pence

A Loaf of Rye Flour to weigh 1lb 12oz for 3d

A Return of the Election in the South Ward of a Collector held in pursuance of the Order of the last Meeting was read & approved

Mr Aert Huysman elected attended & took & subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance & of Office as by the Charter of this City & the Laws of this State are prescribed & directed.

A Petition of Christopher Collis relative to his Claim of a Ballance due to him on Acct of the Works, commenced previous to the late War, for supplying the City with Water was read & referred to Aldn

Elting & Wool & Mr Nicholson to enquire into the nature of the Claim & to report all the facts they can collect on the Subject

[27] A Petition of Archibald Kerley in behalf of himself & several of his Neighbors in Cherry Street setting forth that they have purchased a fire Engine which they are willing to appropriate to the use of the public & to erect a House & furnish a Piece of Ground for its reception & pray the Board to accept it for that purpose & to appoint the proper number of fire Men to take Charge of & to work the same; was read & granted

Ordered that the Engineer return the Names of 10 proper persons to be appointed to the said Engine. Ordered that in future the number of Men to a small Engine as Vacancies happen be only eight.

A Petition of the Wood Inspectors, was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert & Whylley & Mr Pierson to enquire into the Subject & to report such Regulation as they shall conceive most salutary

A Petition of Wm A Forbes to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &c was read & granted

A Petition of Joseph Smith to be appointed a Measurer & Inspector of Timber was read & postponed.

A Petition of several of the Assessors praying the Board to provide a Compensation for their Services was read; Whereupon it was determined that the prayer of the said Petition could not be complied with.

A Petition of the Constables & Marshalls on the Subject of the allowance made them for apprehending Vagrants & conveying them to Bridewell was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert & Messrs Van Gelder & Janeway.

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert direct the filling up of a vacant Lot of the Corporation adjoining [28] Mr Boyds at the North River with hands from Bridewell or otherwise.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of Montgomerie Ward direct some small Repairs said to be necessary to secure the Wharf at Beekman's Slip.

A Petition of Ephraim Sayre in behalf of himself & his two Brothers Joseph & William & his Sister Ann (descendants of Jane Lynsen decd Sister of John Harris decd) claiming one sixth of a third part of the Ground whereon the Bridewell is erected; was read & referred to the Clerk to examine the several Conveyances to the Corporation & report whether any part of the said Land remains to be purchased.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert

Crommelin delivered in a Report Whereupon it was agreed by the Board to grant to Mr Crommelin the Residue of the Soil under Water in front of his present Wharf on the usual Terms & reserving Ten feet off from the out Ward part of the Corporation's Right to the sd Soil under the Water.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of David Barclays Petition wherein he prays that the Treasurer may be directed to credit him (on the Demand for Rent of the Lot at Pecks Slip) the Sum of twenty one Pounds two Shillings & Six Pence for so much by paid Andrew Thompson for paving in front of the said Lot; reported that that the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

Ordered that the Treasurer credit Mr Barclay for the said Sum accordingly

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the followg Persons the followg Sums in full of their respective Accts vizt

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| [29] issued | Tobias Van Zandt for the ballce due on the Acct amountg to £277:5:5½ for repairs the Drain in ferry Street | £24: 2:10½ |
| issued | Jonas Cowdrey Junr for erecting a fire Engine House by Contract in Hanover Square | 25:—:— |
| issued | Joseph Strong for his Services as Clerk at the late Election of a Collector in the South Ward | 0:16:— |
| issued | Thomas Lafoy for the like Services at the late Election of an Assessor in the West Ward | 0:16:— |
| issued | Elias Burger for Repairs to the Corporation Wharf at the North River | 2: 9: 5 |
| issued | Edward Meeks for Iron Work to the public Lamps | 9:10: 6 |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for cleaning and lighting the public Lamps from 26th Octr to 26th Novr last | 31:14: 8 |
| issued | George Lindsay for his Acct of cut Stone for the City Hall in the Year 1774 | 1:12: 6 |

[30] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 12th Decr 1787

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Benja Blagge<br>Peter Elting<br>John Whylley<br>Jerh Wool<br>Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Cornls C Roosevelt<br>James Nicholson<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Joseph Pierson<br>George Janeway | Assists |

Barney Egberts, Laborer admitted & sworn a free Man of this City.

The Office of Alderman of the East Ward having become vacant by the Death of Thomas Hazard Esq[r] Ordered that an Election be held in the said Ward at the Coffey House on Friday the 21[st] Inst. of an Alderman to fill the said vacancy.

The Auditors presented to the Board for their direction an Account of Doctor Vacher for Medicine & Attendance on sick criminal Prisoners; which was referred to Ald[n] Bayard & Wool & M[r] Van Gelder to enquire into the Subject & report their Opinion.

The whole of the Monies to be raised by the Tax for the support of the Poor & the other contingencies of this City having not yet been collected & paid into the Treasury Ordered that the whole of the Residue of the said Tax uncollected be collected & paid into the Treasury by the first Day of February next

The Board took into consideration an Acc[t] of Davis Hunt for filling up & paving in front of a vacant Lot in Roosevelt Street And thereupon determined that the said Acc[t] should be audited for payment & that the amount be charged against the said Lot to be repaid by the Owner when discovered

[31] The Committee appointed to report the Quit Rent to be reserved on the Water Lots proposed to be granted to Mess[rs] Willet & M[c]Comb at Corlaers Hook and the Consideration which ought to be paid for the Soil from high to low Water Mark, made a verbal Report on the Subject Whereupon the Board resumed the consideration thereof And after some time spent therein Determined that, in consequence of the great expence which will attend the improving & wharfing out and the remote situation of the premisses, they would grant & release the Soil from high to low water mark in front of their Land for the consideration of five Shillings and that they would grant the Soil under water from low water mark two hundred feet into the River on a quit Rent to be reserved of one Shilling & sixpence per foot per annum to commence at the expiration of forty two Years.

Ordered that the same Committee with the addition of Ald[n] Elting ascertain the Boundaries of the said Premisses & report the same to this Board.

issued — Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay Ephraim Whitlock the Sum of £40 being the ball[ce] due him on his Acc[t] amount[g] to £60 for fitting up part of the Barracks as an Hospital for the sick of the Alms House

issued — Ordered the like to pay George Abbert the Sum of 9/6 for repairing Locks in the City Hall

[32] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Saturday the 12th Day of January 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Benja Blagge, Peter Elting, Jeremh Wool, John Whylley, Nichs Bayard, Wm W Gilbert } Esqrs Aldn

Geo. Janeway, Abm Van Gelder, James Nicholson, Joseph Pierson } Assists

James Snow—laborer, Richard Robertson—Tanner, } admitted & sworn free Men of this City

The Clerk produced to the Board the Poll List of the Election held in the East Ward of an Alderman in the Room of Thomas Hazard Esqr decd; from which it appears that Marinus Willet Esqr is duly elected. Ordered that the Clerk notify Mr Willet of his Election accordingly.

The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board vizt

"Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Mesier of the 6th Augt last Report, That the various Causes, alluded to in the Petition, to have depreciated the Powlus Hook Ferry, cannot be charged to any breach of Covenant in the Corporation. And that from good Information Your Committee are well satisfied that Mrs Mesier is not at this time, neither has been a Sufferer by this Ferry since the Commencement of her Lease, they are therefore [33] of Opinion that the prayer in the said Petition cannot be granted.

New York 12th Jany 1788 Peter Elting, Tobias Van Zandt } Committee.

The Clerk according to the order of the 24th of October last produced to the Board a Bond from this Corporation to Peter T Curtenius Surviving Partner of Sharpe Curtenius & Co conditioned for the paymt of £114:6:1 with Interest at 5 P Ct per Annum Which was read & approved of by the Board

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor sign the same on behalf of this Board

The Committee on the Case of Christopher Colles reported verbally the Information which they had been able to obtain on the Subject of his Claim on the Corporation for Monies due him for his Services in superintending the erection of the Works for supplying this City with Water previous to the late War

Whereupon the Board agreed in Opinion that some ballance prob-

ably was due to Mr Colles on account of the above Service: But that as the Books of the late Treasurer in which those Accounts were entered were at present out of the Power of this Board; the Sum actually due remained uncertain until further Information on the Subject could be obtained

Ordered that the same Committee with the addition of Aldn Gilbert report from the best Information they can procure, the Sum which in their Opinion this Board ought reasonably to allow Mr Colles in full discharge of all his Demands against this Corporation on Account of the said Water Works.

[34] The Committee on the Case of Peter P Van Zandt reported to the Board that they had, had a Conference with him on the Subject of his Claim on this Corporation for certain Damages; which he alledges to have sustained by the loss of Wharfage in consequence of the Corporation having made a Grant for a Term of Years of part of the Soil in front of his Lot at Burlings Slip to David Provoost for the use of a public Street, And that Mr Van Zandt had delivered to them certain Terms, in writing, with which he would be satisfied; which Terms were read, & recommitted to the same Committee with the addition of Aldn Elting And it was Ordered that the said Committee be instructed to ascertain as near as may be what Damages Mr Van Zandt may have sustained and to report what allowance this Board ought in justice to make him as a Compensation for his Damage arising from any Default in this Corporation.

Ordered that the pay of the City Watchmen be four Shillings per Night during the Months of January February & March and three Shillings per Night for the residue of the present Year.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to regulate the City Watch enquire into the State of the Watchmens Caps & report the same to the Board And also whether an additional number of Watchmen and how many is necessary to enable them to patrole a part of the Out Ward

On a suggestion to the Board, by Aldn Gilbert, that the susisting of the criminal Prisoners in Goal according to the present plan thro' the Medium of the Goaler was very [35] expensive and that a Plan much more œconomical might be pursued by sending them their Provisions daily from the Alms House Ordered that Mr Mayor be requested to communicate this Matter to the Commissioners of the Alms House & to recommend it to them to make the necessary arrangements for subsisting the criminal Prisoners in Goal accordingly

Ordered that Aldn Elting & Wool be a Committee to procure the necessary Vouchers to enable this Board to obtain from the State payment for the Arms and Accoutrements belonging to this Corpora-

tion and supplied to the continental Troops raised in this State in the Year 1775.

The Committee to whom was referred the Acc$^{t}$ of D$^{r}$ Vacher for Medicine & Attendance on sick criminal Prisoners in Goal; reported that he ought to be allowed £17 in full of his Acc$^{t}$ And the said Committee further reported that they had received proposals from the Faculty to attend & administer Medicine to the said sick at the rate of £17 per Annum & that D$^{r}$ Vacher had offered to undertake it at the same Rate; which Report was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that D$^{r}$ Vacher's Acc$^{t}$ be audited accordingly And that this Board do agree with him in his proposal and will allow him at the rate of £17 per Annum for Medicine and attendance on the sick criminal Prisoners confined in the Goal of this City.

[36] A Petition of David Morris was read setting forth "that the Treasurer had, in consequence of a former order of this Board, refused to pay him the amount of an Order of this Board issued in his favor on the 14$^{th}$ Nov$^{r}$ last for repairing a fire Engine, until he had reimbursed the Corporation for the Monies by them advanced for filling the Street in front of a Lot of M$^{r}$ Morris in Greenwich Street" and praying, "that as his loss of Ground by the late Regulation of that Street will amount to more than the said expence of filling the Lot and as the greater part of the amount of the said Order is due to others who worked under him, this Board will be pleased to direct the s$^{d}$ Order to be paid."

Ordered that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted & that the Treasurer pay the said Order accordingly

A Petition of Peter Webbers late Collector of Taxes in the Out Ward confined in Goal for Delinquency in collecting & paying into the Treasury the Monies directed to be raised by Tax in 1784 and praying the Interposition of this Board for his Relief; was read And thereupon ordered that the Clerk inform him that it is not in the power of this Board to give him Relief And that his application must be to the Legislature.

The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$ Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Marshalls and Constables relative to [37] their Pay for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell Do report that they have carefully examined their Account & compared the same with the Clerks Minutes of the Common Council and also examined M$^{r}$ Sloo the Keeper of the Bridewell on the Subject and are fully of Opinion that the said Acc$^{t}$ is just and that the Sums set opposite to each Persons Name is due and ought to be paid them."

The Engineer presented to the Board a List of persons who were desirous of being appointed firemen of this City & attached to the Engine lately purchased and presented to this Board for the use of the public; which was read & approved And thereupon Ordered that the several Persons named in the said List viz[t] Archibald Kerly Theophilus Beekman—Peter Bogert—Peter R Kissam—John Collet—Samuel Akerly—Andrew Morris—William Fosbrook—Francis Pans—& Robert Gosman be and they are hereby appointed fire Men of this City & attached to the said Engine.

On reading a Petition of several Persons licensed by M[r] Mayor as public Porters complaining that others not licenced deprive them of the Business. Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for regulating the Office of Porters or Carriers within this City.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Accounts viz[t]

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| issued | [38] William Sloo, to be by him paid to the several Constables & Marshalls (named in the Acc[t] reported this Day & approved by the Board) for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell, the Sum of..... | £45:18:— |
| issued | Tobias Van Zandt for repairs to Beekman's Slip..... | 2: 4: 4 |
| issued | Davis Hunt for filling & paving in front of a vacant Lot in Roosevelt Street agreable to the Determination of the Board on the 12[th] Ult[o]..... | 10: 6: 7 |
| issued | Ephraim Brasher Esq[r] Coroner for Inquests taken on dead Bodies from May 8[th] 1787 until Jan[y] 2[d] Inst.... | 62:10:— |
| issued | John Graham for repairs public Lamps..... | 50:18:— |
| issued | D[r] John F Vacher for attendance & Medicine to sick criminal Prisoners in Goal..... | 17:—:— |
| issued | Corn[s] Fish Clerk of the late Election of Ald[n] in the East Ward ..... | 0:16:— |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey as public Whipper 1 Q[r] Salary due 27[th] Ult[o]..... | 6: 5:— |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to the public Roads..... | 78: 4: 6 |

issued Ordered the like to pay to the Assistants of the several Wards the follow[g] Sums to be by them distributed among the distressed families in their respective wards viz[t]

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| South Ward ..... | £12:—:— |
| Dock Ward ..... | 8:—:— |
| East Ward ..... | 8:—:— |
| West Ward ..... | 18:—:— |
| North Ward ..... | 18:—:— |
| Mont[g] Ward ..... | 20:—:— |
| Out Ward ..... | 16:—:— |
| | £100:—:— |

[39] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 16th Day of Janr 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | James Nicholson | Assistts |
| Jeremh Wool | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Peter Elting | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wylley | | Geo: Janeway | |

The Clerk produced to the Board accordg to order a Law to regulate the Office of Porters or Carriers which was read & the consideration postponed

The Committee on the subject of the Watch reported some additional Regulations; which were agreed to by the Board Ordered that the new Regulation of the Watch do not take place until the Legislature shall by Law authorize the raising a sufficient Sum to defray the extra expence which will attend the augmentation of the number.

The Committee on the Case of Christopher Colles reported as their Opinion that from all the Circumstances they had been enabled to collect the Sum of £150 be allowed to Mr Colles in full of all his Demands against this Corporation which being agreed to by the Board, the Clerk was directed to inform Mr Colles thereof & to obtain his answer whether or not he would be satisfied with that Sum & the Clerk returned & reported to the Board that Mr Colles had signified to him his willingness to accept of that Sum.

[40] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Mr Colles the sd Sum of £150 on Condition that he execute to this Board a Release against all Demands which he may have against this Corporation for or on account of his Services in Superintending & managing the erection of the Works began previous to the late War for supplyg this City with Water.

issued

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Elting & Mr Nicholson be a Committee with the Aid of the Treasurer to make an Estimate of the Monies which will be required the ensuing Year for defraying the contingent Expences of this City & County, and that they deliver the same to Mr Mayor to be laid before the Legislature.

The Auditors of Accounts laid before the Bd the Accounts of the several Persons employed in erecting the Monument of Genl Montgomery amounting to £191:7: which said Accts, having been examined by the said Auditors & found to be just and right were approved of by the Board. Ordered that the said Accts be delivered to

Mr Mayor and that he and Mr Recorder be requested to make Application to the Legislature, in such manner as to them shall appear most proper, for the grant of a further Sum to enable this Bd to discharge the said Accts

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay, out of the Monies granted by the Legislature for erecting the Said Monument, to Thomas Barrow the Sum of £45 to be distributed among the several Persons employed agreable & in proportion to their several Accts

issued

[41] Aldn Elting & Wool delivered to the Board the necessary Vouchers relative to the Arms and Accoutrements of this Corporation delivered to the continental Troops raised in this State in the Year 1775 which were approved by the Board.

Ordered that the said Vouchers be delivered to Mr Mayor and that he and Mr Recorder be requested to make Application to the Legislature in such manner as to them shall appear most proper, for the payment of the said Arms and Accoutrements.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay to Mr Joseph Pierson the Sum of £22 on Acct towards the erection of Boxes for the Watchmen

issued

Ordered the like to pay Robert Boyd the Sum of £17:15 for Iron Work to the Goal.

issued

Ordered the like to pay Walter Heyer the Sum of £4:6:6 for the use of his Room & fire &c &c

issued

[42] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 4th Day of february 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistts |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Wm Nicholson | |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |
| Peter Elting | | Cornt C Roosevelt | |
| Marinus Willet | | | |

Marinus Willet Esqr lately elected Alderman of the East Ward in the place of Thomas Hazard Esqr decd attended &, after taking & subscribing the Oaths of Allegiance & of Office as by the Law of this State and the Charter of this City are prescribed and directed, took his Seat

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Mr Roosevelt be a Committee to audit and examine the Accts of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter.

Mr Mayor with the other Members & the Commissioners then proceeded to examine the State and Circumstances of the Alms House & Bridewell, and being returned the Committee reported that they had examined the Accts of the Commissioners & found them just and right.

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| The Amt of the Alms House Acct for the last Quarter..... | £1544:10: 2 |
| Of the Bridewell..... | 168: 3:— |
| | £1712:13: 2 |

An Estimate of the Commissioners, of the Monies necessary for the ensuing Quarter was read & approved vizt

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| for the Alms House..... | £1000:—:— |
| for the Bridewell..... | 200:—:— |
| | £1200:—:— |

[43] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay to the Commissioners the said two Sums accordingly — issued

The Commissioners (according to the Order of this Board of the 6th of August last) presented their Accts of the Receipts & Expenditures of the Alms House & Bridewell, which were referred to Alds Gilbert & Elting & Messrs Nicholson & Roosevelt to examine & report thereon And also to prepare a Statement of the Receipts & Expenditures of the Monies raised by Tax and appropriated to defray the contingent Expences of this City And also of the Revenues of this Corporation & the Appropriation thereof together with an Acct of the Debts due from this Corporation, to the end that the same may be published for the Information of the public.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Aldn Gilbert 40/ to be by him expended in providing Necessaries for Elizth Patterson a poor Woman from Clarks Town in Orange County who on coming to this City a few Days ago was taken in labor & with the small Pox. — issued

Ordered the like to pay John Stagg the Sum of £46:0:3½ in full of his Acct for paving the Street in the Rear of the City Hall. — issued

Ordered the like to pay Wm Sloo the Sum of £58:5/ to be by him paid to the Several Constables & Marshalls for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell from the 1st Day of february 1787 to the 1st Day of febr Inst agreable to the number opposite to each Persons Name in the Acct audited produced & agreed to by the Board this Day — issued

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At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 13th Day of february 1788.

mes Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Cornt C Roosevelt<br>Jas Nicholson<br>Tobias Van Zandt | Assistts |

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Treasurer requestg the Direction of the Board tion of several Lots the Leases whereof are exn very bad repair; was read & referred to Aldn iquire into the Circumstances & to direct the asures as they shall conceive most beneficial to

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orge Adamson praying a Lease of a piece of ssessed by Alexr McAuley at the five Mile Stone, hat Mr Adamson be permitted to take the posce of Ground on behalf of this Corporation to heir pleasure & that he be requested to preserve id piece of Ground & that he do not suffer any take away the same.

Carrel Clerk

f Fredk Weissenfels praying an augmentation ie Captn of the City Watch; was read & postponed ral persons occupying Stores at the Albany Pier t Interruption from Vessels laden with Shingles g for an unreasonable time in the Slip and so eatly to endanger their property in case of Fire of the said Vessels; was read & referred to the rd & the Aldn & Assistt of the East Ward

Aldn Gilbert as Commissioner of Excise produced his Account of the Monies by him received for Excise since the first Day of March last amounting to £755:7 which said Sum after deducting £60 allowed by Law for his Services he had, as appeared by the Treasurers Receipts, paid into the City Treasury

Resolved that Aldn Gilbert be & he is hereby nominated & appointed Commissioner of Excise for this City & County for the Year ensuing.

Ordered that Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to issued pay Mr Jas Nicholson the Sum of £4 to assist a poor family in removing from this City.

issued Ordered the like to pay Mr Cornl C Roosevelt the Sum of 21/ to provide some Necessaries for a poor family

Ordered the like to pay the followg Persons the followg Sums in full of their respective Acctg viz$^{t}$

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| issued | Abm Van Gelder for cleaning & lighting the public Lamps, from 26th Novr to 26th Jany last..... | £63:17: 4 |
| issued | John Porterfield for crying the Law agt firing Guns &c on New Years Day..... | 0: 8:— |
| issued | [46] John Patterson for printing and publishing Advertizements ..... | £2:19:— |
| issued | John Keese Esqr, for John Campbell, for pantiles furnished for the fire Engine House at the Water Works previous to the late War..... | £3:12: 3 |
| issued | Andrew Thompson Junr for Mason Work & Materials on the Bridge in the New Road & the Drain in Mulberry Street ..... | 12: 7:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 20th febv 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Nichs Bayard<br>Peter Elting<br>Marinus Willet<br>Jerh Wool<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | James Nicholson<br>Cornl C Roosevelt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>George Janeway | Assistg |

James Teller Hatter admitted & sworn a free Man of this City

Capt John McPherson late of Philadelphia attending the Board & prayed the Board for a remission of the Wharfage of a small Schooner and he also requested of the Board permision to use the great Court Room for the purpose of delivering Lectures.

Ordered that the Corporation Wharfinger be directed to remit to Capt McPherson any Claim he may have agt him for the Wharfage of his said Schooner And that the Clerk inform Capt McPherson that his request, for the use of the Court Room cannot be complied with.

[47] Ordered that Aldn Wool & Elting & Messrs Nicholson Roosevelt & Janeway be a Committee to take into consideration the State of the Cartmen within this City and report some further Regulation as to their number and government.

A Petition of Levina D Revier stating a Claim of her late husband agt this Corporation & for which he received a Warrant on the Treasury for payment previous to the late War; which said Warrant was

not paid & in consequence of the War was lost; was read & referred to Ald[n] Willet & M[r] Roosevelt

A Petition of Isaac Astin for a Lease of a House & Lot in Chatham Street was read and referred to the Committee, appointed at the last Meeting, to direct the Treasurer with respect to several Lots the Leases whereof are expired

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition ag[t] Boats laden with Shingles lying in the Slips near Buildings made a Report Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for remedying the Evil complained of & report the same at the next Meeting of the Board

Ordered that Ald[n] Elting & Willet, & Mess[rs] Nicholson Roosevelt & Janeway be a Committee to confer, from time to time, with the Commissioners appointed by Law to adjust & ascertain the hopes of the proprietors of Lots in Greenwich Street in consequence of the late Regulation of that Street

Resolved & ordered that no more than five River Sloops be permitted to lie above the Ferry Stairs in Mesiers Slip* viz[t] three on the North and two on the South sides thereof in order that a sufficient Harbour & free Passage may be left for the [48] Ferry Boats during the continuance of the Lease to Eliz[th] Mesier for the said Ferry.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The Committee to whom was referred the Inspection & Examination of the several Houses mentioned in the Treasurers Letter of the 13[th] Report that they have attended to that Business and are of Opinion that the Improvements on the Lots late in the possession of M[rs] Douglas and David M[c]Connoughy be sold for the most that can be obtained at public Vendue—That the Houses in Chatham Street be repaired and rented in such manner as the Treasurer shall deem most advantageous either for one Year or for a longer Term and that he pay all such Repairs out of the Rent they are further of Opinion an Allowance be made to M[rs] Murphy & Christ[r] Howser of all the Rents paid by them during the War and that the Treasurer receive from them the Ballance in arrear in such small payments as they shall be able to effect; allowing them a reasonable time to settle the remaining Ballances.

feb[y] 14[th] 1788. Jerem[h] Wool, M. Willet } Com[tee]

M[r] Mayor reported to the Board that he had received for 385 tavern Licences granted by him between the 1[st] Day of March last & this Day at thirty Shillings each the Sum of five hundred and seventy

*Marginal note reads *Powlas Hook ferry at Cortland Slip.*—ED.

seven pounds ten Shillings [49] and that the same is ready for such disposition as the Board shall direct

Whereupon it was ordered that Mr Mayor retain out of the said Money six Shillings on each Licence being so much allowed to him by this Board as usual for performing the Duties of his Office as Mayor and that he pay the like Sum on each Licence to the Clerk of this Board for his Services; And the Residue to the Treasurer of this City for the use of this Corporation.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the following Sums to the followg Persons in full of their respective Accts vizt

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| issued | Rinier Skaats for 1 Quarter Services as Door keeper & Messenger due the 15th Inst & for extra Services.... | £10:—:— |
| issued | Casimir Th: Goerck for attendg the Committee in running the Lines between the Lands of Peter P Van Zandt & others & this Corporation & making a Map thereof ..... | 3:16:— |
| issued | Simon Kiersted for 1 Quarter's allowance agreable to contract due the 15th Inst: for repairg the public Pumps & for some extra Work..... | 31: 5: 6 |

The Treasurer informed the Board that the Term for which the Ferries from this City to Staten Island & Elizabeth Town point were let would expire on the first Day of May next

Ordered that the Treasurer dispose of the said Ferries at Vendue or otherwise for three Years for the best price he can get for them reserving the priviledge for the North River Ferry Boats to land at the White Hall during the severity of the Winter Season

[50] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 27th february 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Alda | George Janeway | Assistts |
| Peter Elting | | James Nicholson | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Marinus Willet | | Joseph Pierson | |
| Jno Wylley | | Cornt C Roosevelt | |

A Petition of a great number of Inhabitants of this City suggesting the inconveniencies which arise from the present Mode of supplying this City with Water & praying this Board to adopt such Measures for supplying it with Water by means of Pipes agreable to

a Plan or proposal set on foot by Christopher Colles or such other Plan as to the Board shall appear most expedient; was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert, Bayard, Elting & Willet & Messrs Van Zandt, Janeway & Nicholson, to consider of the Subject & to report such Measures as they conceive most proper to be pursued on the Occasion by the Corporation for the Advantage Convenience & Safety of this City.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter P Van Zandt praying that [51] a Line be ascertained and fixed as a partition Line between him as Proprietor of a Lot of Ground in the Out Ward of this City and the Grounds belonging to this Corporation.

Report that they have agreable to the Order of this Board met with the said Peter P Van Zandt and the Owners of the Ground adjoining the said Peter P Van Zandt, who hold under one & the same Patent, and have found it necessary in order to find where the Lots of the said Patentees join the Lands of this Corporation to order a Survey to be made thereof which Survey is hereunto annexed; they therefore report it as their Opinion that the said Line be fixed agreable to the said Survey; which is submitted to the consideration of the Board.

febv 20th 1788

Nicholas Bayard
Cornt C Roosevelt
George Janeway

From the said Map or Survey it appears that the follows Quantities of vacant Land lie between the Lands of the said Proprietors & the Post Road vizt between the Land of Peter P Van Zandt & the sd post Road ¾ of an Acre—between the Land of John Hardenbrook 2A : 2R : 37P. between the Land of David Provoost decd 32A : 3R : 0P. & between the Lands of Isaac Gouverneur 8A : 3R : 6P.

Ordered that the said Map be & the same is hereby approved & adopted by this Board & that the same be filed in the Clerks Office accords

Ordered that the same Committee treat with Messrs Van Zandt & Hardenbrook as to the Value of the said Ground & report the same to this Board

[52] The Committee appointed to report the Damage or Loss which Peter P Van Zandt may have sustained by Loss of Wharfage in consequence of the Grant made to David Provoost of part of the Soil under Water for the use of a public Street at Burlings Slip, delivered in a Report which was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of several Merchants prays compensation for some

Powder by them stored in the public Magazine & which was stolen thereout; was read & referred to Aldn Elting & Wylley & Mr Roosevelt

Aldn Gilbert suggested to the Board the propriety of directing the Engineer to erect an Engine House on the Ground, belongg to the reformed protestant Dutch Congregation adjoing the North Church, for the reception of the Engine at present deposited in a House in Nassau Street & for which this Board pay an annual Rent of £5.

Ordered that the Enginier on obtaing permission from the Dutch Congregation erect an Engine House at the North Church accordingly

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| issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasury to pay Elijah Wedge for 1 Qr Salary as public Cryer & full to this Day £6:5 & that he be discharged from the said Office. | |
| issued | Ordered the like to pay John Crowshorn for removing & interring a number of Dead Bodies (interred by the British during the late War in Catharine Street ..... | £4: 1:— |
| issued | Ordered the like to pay Andrew Thompson Junr for paving in front of several Lots on Golden Hill on a new Regulation of that Street in 1785..... | £34: 7: 3½ |
| issued | [53] Ordered the like to pay Mr Abraham Van Gelder the Sum of Six Pounds & to Mr Tobias Van Zandt the Sum of four Pounds to be by them respectively disposed of for the Relief of some indigent families in the West & Montgy Wards. | |

City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 12th Day of March 1788 at the City Hall of the said City.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | | Jas Nicholson |
| Nichs Bayard | | Joseph Pierson |
| Peter Elting | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder |
| Marinus Willet | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Jeremh Wool | | Cornes C Roosevelt |
| John Wylley | | Geo: Janeway |

Assists

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Levina De Revier, praying payment of a Warrt or Order issued by the Corporation on the Treasurer in favor of Abraham De Revier her late Husband dated the 9th Day of October 1775 for the Sum of £467:18:9½ which said Warrant or Order she alledges was not paid or satisfied but lost in the course of the late War Do report that the said Warrant or Order was paid & satisfied; as appears by the said Warrt or Order now

in the possession of the present Treasurer with a Receipt of the said Ab[m] De Revier endorsed on the same.

[54] The Committee on the Petition of Isaac Astin report that as the House mentioned in the said Petition will require very great Repairs it will be most advantageous to the Corporation to sell the said House at public Auction & give the Purchasor a Lease of the Lot for 21 Years on the usual Rent; which was agreed to by the Board.

The Treasurer reported that agreably to the Order of the Board he had disposed of the Improvements on the Lots in the possession of M[rs] Douglass & David M[c]Connoughy, the former in Barrack Street to Christopher Feigenham for £60:10/ payable the first May next when he is to receive a New Lease of the said Lot for the Term of 21 Years subject to an annual Rent of £6 & the usual Covenants, and the latter in Augustus Street to John Stryker for £45 payable & on the like Conditions as above.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Leases accordingly.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of W[m] Seton & others Report that it appears to your Committee that the Petitioners have mistaken the Law of the Corporation for the better securing this City from the Danger of Gun Powder; which Law doth not bind its Citizens to deposit their Powder in the City Magazine, but leaves it optional provided they store it two Miles from the City Hall. The Petitioners have therefore no other Claim on the Corporation for the Loss [55] of their Powder than what is customary in the storage of other Merchandize; and in such Cases the Store Keeper is accountable only for his neglect or imprudence Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that the Prayer of the said Petition ought not to be granted."

A Petition of Robert Crommelin praying an additional Grant of the Soil under Water opposite to the Crane Wharf in the East River was read & referred to Ald[n] Willet & M[r] Van Zandt

Ald[n] Gilbert from the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer on the Subject of the triangular piece of Ground at the junction of the Post and Blooming Dale Roads in the Out Ward reported the following State of Facts viz[t]

"That on examining the Minutes of the Common Council previous to the late War the following Entries appear viz[t]

July 22[d] 1771 The Petition of James DeLancey Esq[r] and sundry others Inhabitants and Freeholders in the Out Ward praying a Grant of the said Piece of Ground to "The Rector and Inhabitants of the

City of New York in Communion of the Church of England as by Law established." for the purpose of erecting a Church and School House thereon as by the said Petition more fully may appear; Whereupon it was ordered "that the Committee appointed for the Out Ward or the Major part of them be a Committee to view the ground above prayed for and take to their assistance one of the City Surveyors in order that a plan may be made thereof and [56] exhibited to this Board and that the further consideration of the said be deferred to some future Common Council."

Novr 27. 1771. Ordered that Mr Recorder be added to the Committee to view the Ground lately Petitioned for by James Delancey Esqr and sundry others in the Out Ward of this City for the purpose of building a Church and School House thereon."

Decr 12. 1771. The Committee lately appointed by this Board to view the Ground prayed for by James DeLancey Esqr and sundry others in the Out Ward of this City and to consider of the Terms on which the same might be granted made their Report in the Words following: vizt

We the Major part of the Committee (here take in the Report) which Report being read Ordered that the Clerk of this Board serve a Copy of the said Report on the Corporation of Trinity Church in order that their Sentiments may be known, respecting the taking a Grant upon the Conditions mentioned in the said Report.

June 26th 1772. Messrs Bache and Laight acquainted this Board that the Rector and Inhabitants of the City of New York in communion with the Church of England as by Law established, were willing to accept of a Grant of a Piece of Ground in the Bowery in the Out Ward of this City for the erecting and building a School House, Church and Parsonage House on and for the use of a burying Ground upon the Terms which this Board offerred the same [57] to them upon—Ordered therefore that the Clerk prepare the Draft of a Grant of the same to the Rector &c. &c. and prefer the same to this Board for their approbation at their next meeting."

That your Committee have applied to the present Clerk of this Board for the said Report of the Committee of the 12 Decr 1771. and that the Clerk informed them that after the most diligent Search among the Common Council Papers in his possession he hath not been able to find it

New York March 12th 1788..... }

Wm W. Gilbert
Peter Elting
Tobias Van Zandt "

Whereupon it was Resolved that this Board are bound in Justice to make a Grant of the said Piece of Ground agreable to the former Intention and determination of the Corporation And as the Terms on which the same was intended to be granted cannot be now ascertained.

Ordered that the several Aldermen together with Mr Van Zandt, in the place of Aldn Blagge who is indisposed, be a Committee to consider of and report the Terms on which the said Grant ought to be made.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay David Waldron the Sum of £14:13 for repairs to Kings Bridge.

issued

A Petition of David Morris & others complaining of the Regulation of the public Market with respect to the Article of Flour was read & referred to Aldn Elting & Willet & Mr Nicholson.

[58] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 4th Day of April 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Peter Elting | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistts |
| Nichs Bayard | | Jas Nicholson | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Cornс C Roosevelt | |
| Marinus Willet | | Joseph Pierson | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Geo. Janeway | |

A Petition of Peter Schermerhorn, Simon Schermerhorn & James A Stewart for permission to sink a Block into the River, in front of their Wharf, as far out as Mr Geo. Bown's wharf; was read & referred to Aldn Willet & Mr Van Zandt.

The Treasurer reported that according to order he had sold at public Auction the Improvements on Lot No 3 in Chatham Street to Peter Lourilliard for the Sum of £60 payable the first May next when he is to have a Lease of the said Lot, with the usual Covenants for 21 Years.

The Treasurer informed the Board that the person who for some time past has occupied Bedlows Island had given it up, & therefore requested the Direction of the Board as to the future disposition of it. thereupon ordered that the Treasurer lease the said Island for three Years on the most advantageous Terms in his power: reserving the Use of the pest House & the privilege of Fishing for the Alms House & Bridewell on the Shore of the Island

[59] The Treasurer also reported that he had disposed of the Ferry between this City & Eliz^th Town point to Thomas Quigley for the Term of three Years on the annual Rent of £60.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease accordingly.

"The Committee on the Petition of David Morris & others report as their Opinion that the Law, against which the Petitioners so loudly complain, is judiciously calculated to give every Citizen an equal Opportunity to purchase in public Market for their families Use; which was the purpose for which the public Market was intended & not for the benefit of Retailers: It is therefore the Opinion of the Committee that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted" which Report was agreed to by the Board.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration & report such further regulations as may be necessary in the public Markets of this City delivered in a Report; which was read and the consideration thereof was postponed.

Ordered that the same Committee with the addition of M^r Van Zandt & M^r Janeway be a standing Committee of Ways & Means from time to time to enquire into and report the State of the Corporation Revenue and their Ability to appropriate any of the Monies arising from the Revenue fund to any other purpose than the discharging of the public Debt.

[60] Ordered that Ald^n Wool, Elting & Willet & M^r Van Zandt be a Committee to examine the state of the several public Wharfs in this City & to report such as require any & what Repairs together with an Estimate of the Expence.

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same. That the following Laws and Ordinances of this Corporation be and they are hereby Established Published and to continue and remain in full force and virtue for one Year from and after the Day of the date hereof. viz^t

A law for the due Observation of the Lord's day called Sunday.

A Law directing the Uses of the Public Seals of this City.

A Law relative to the admission of Freemen.

A Law to regulate the Office of Chamberlain or Treasurer of this City.

A Law for the better preventing of Fire.

A Law for the better securing this City from the danger of Gun Powder.

A Law to appoint Surveyors for this City.

A Law to regulate the public markets within this City.

A Law to establish and regulate the public Slaughter House within this City.

A Law to regulate the sale of Bread.

A Law to regulate the paving the Streets, and for preventing nuisances within this City.

A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen in this City.

[61] A Law to regulate the Landing and sale of Hay within this City.

A Law to regulate the sale of Fire Wood in this City.

A Law to regulate the pay of public measurers within this City.

A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels in the Docks and Slips of this City, and to ascertain the Rates of Wharfage.

A Supplementary Law to the Law, entitled, "A Law to establish "and regulate the public Slaughter House within this City."

A Law directing the mode of Recovery and appropriation of the Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures, imposed by the Laws of the Corporation of this City.

A Law to prevent abuses in the sale of Lime.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 9th Day of April 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Alds | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| Peter Elting | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Jas Nicholson | |
| Marinus Willet | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wylley | | Geo. Janeway | |

John Laycock laborer admitted and sworn a freeman of this City.

Aldn Bayard from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Obadiah Wells, praying "that he may be credited by the Treasurer for the Sum of £13:15:6 for two Years Rent of a Lot on Inchlambergh which he declares on Oath he paid to the late Treasurer previous to the late War & that the Receipt [62] which he obtained from the said Treasurer was with his other Papers & Accts lost in the course of the said War" reported as the Opinion of the Committee that the prayer of the said Petition was reasonable & ought to be granted." On considering the said Report Debates ensued & the Question being put on the said Report it passed in the Negative, and was rejected accordingly.

An Acct of the Corporation Wharfinger agt the Brigt John belonging to Messrs Shedden & Low, on which a Dispute hath arisen with respect to the rate of Wharfage charged in the said Acct, was exhibited to the Board for their Direction & referred to Aldn Elting & Mr Nicholson.

An Acct of John Gilbert Keeper of the Powder Magazine of Monies by him advanced amounts to £24 for transporting the Powder from the Old to the New Magazine, was produced to the Board & allowed And it was ordered that the Treasurer credit Mr Gilbert for the said Sum accordingly.

The Committee appointed on the 12th Decr last to ascertain the Boundaries of the Soil under Water in the East River at Corlaers Hook in front of the Ground of Marinus Willet & Alexr McCombe Esqrs & intended to be granted to them by this Corporation, reported a Map or Survey of the Premisses which was approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare and report the Drafts of the Grants accordingly.

[63] On reading a petition of Christopher Fiegenham to have a Debt, due to him from the Widow Douglass, paid to him out of the Monies arising from the Sale of the Improvemts on a Lot by her formerly leased from the Corporation Ordered that the Treasurer pay the said Monies to Mrs Douglass after deducting thereout the arrears of Rent due on the said Lot.

A Petition of William J Elsworth & several others complaining of the constant lying of Lime Boats in the Slip at the end of Cortlandt Street And a Petition of John Bonsall & several others praying that a part of Dye, Cortlandt & Crown Slips may be filled up; were read & referred to the Committee appointed at the last Meeting to examine & report the State of the several public Wharfs & Ordered that Aldn Gilbert and Mr Van Gelder be added to the sd Comtee And ordered that the Petition of George Bown & others for filling up Burlings & Beekmans Slips & continuing Front Street across it; together with a counter-Petition of a number of the Inhabitants agt the Measure (which said petitions were presented in the Year 1785) be referred to the same Committee & that the former Committees on the sd petitions be discharged.

Ordered further that the Dispute subsisting between Genl Malcom respects the Right of Wharfage be referred to the same Committee.

The Clerk according to an Order of the 20th febv last presented the Draft of a Law or Ordinance for regulating the lying in the public

Slips Vessels laden with Shingles & other combustable Lumber; which was read & considered & on the Question whether the said Law should pass & be established it passed in the Negative.

[64] The Board being informed that Mr Jonas Pearssee the present Keeper of the Goal of this City & County had signified his willingness to subsist the criminal Prisoners at the rate of eight Pence per Day for each Person

Ordered that the Clerk make & *and* conclude a Contract on behalf of this Board accordingly.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare & report an Ordinance for digging down & paving the Broad Way, Verletten Bergh, & New Street agreable to the Regulation of the said Streets reported by the Committee & agreed to by this Board on the 23d Day of Augt 1786.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts vizt:

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| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from 26th Jany to the 26th March last..... | £63:17: 4 |
| issued | Edwd Blagge for his Services as Clerk at an Election of a Constable in Monts Ward in Octr 1786..... | £10:—:— |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey for 1 Qr Services as public Whipper to the 26th March last..... | 6: 5:— |
| issued | Asher Myers in full of the ballce of his Acct for Braziers Work to the Water Works in 1775..... | 45:15:10 |
| issued | Murray Mumford & Bowen for a quantity of Lamp Oil. | 163: 8: 6 |
| issued | Joseph Beck for sweeping Chimnies at the City Hall, Goal & Bridewell..... | 7:—:— |

[65] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 16th Day of April 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Peter Elting | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assistts |
| Nichs Bayard | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Joseph Pierson | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Geo. Janeway | |
| John Wyllcy | | Cornls C Roosevelt | |

On reading a Representation of the Sherif relative to the insecurity of the Goal in consequence of the late Injury done to it by some *Riotous Persons

* Marginal note reads *Doctor's Riot occasioned by indiscreet dissection of Dead Bodies at the Hospital.*—ED.

Resolved, as the Opinion of this Board, that a Guard of an Officer & fifteen Men is necessary for the security of the Goal And therefore that Ald[n] Wool, Gilbert & Elting wait on his Excellency the Governor & inform him of the Opinion of this Board on the Subject & to request his Excellency that he will [be] pleased to order such Guard from the Militia for the Security of the Goal and that this Board will provide for their subsistance.

Ordered that Mess[rs] Janeway Pierson & Van Zandt be a Committee to direct such Repairs to the Goal as they may conceive necessary.

Ordered that on M[r] John Bartow's making Oath that he hath not received any advantage or Emolument for his Water Lot during the late War the Treasurer remit the Quit Rent which became due for the same during that period accordingly.

[66] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 30[th] Day of April 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

Nich[s] Bayard
Peter Elting
John Wylley
Jer. Wool
Marinus Willet
Wm W Gilbert
} Esq[rs] Ald[n]

Ab[m] Van Gelder
Joseph Pierson
Tobias Van Zandt
Corn[s] C Roosevelt
Geo. Janeway
} Assist[ts]

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|---|---|---|
| David Lisk | laborer | admitted and sworn Free Men of this City |
| Lucas Van Buskirk | do | |
| John Bogert | do | |
| Ab[m] Storm | do | |
| William Parsel | do | |
| Jacob Roll | do | |
| Simon DeMarest | do | |

On reading a Report of the Committee of Ways & Means: Ordered that the said Committee take the necessary Measures for getting the Acc[t] of the small Arms furnished by the Corporation to the cont[l] Troops raised in this State in 1775 audited and for obtaining payment for the same from the State.

It being suggested to the Board that unwholsome & improper Provisions had been sent by the Commissioners to the Alms House and Bridewell for the use of the Inhabitants in those Houses. Ordered that Ald[n] Gilbert & Elting & M[r] Van Gelder be a Committee to enquire into the Matter & report to the Board.

The Committee [to] whom was referred the Wharfingers Acc[t] against the Brig[t] John reported a State of Facts on the Subject And

thereupon it was ordered that the Wharfinger make an abatement on the said Acct of £5: 17:

[67] The Treasurer reported that agreable to the Order of the Board he had disposed of Bedlows Island for the Term of three Years to John Doughty at the annual Rent of Ten Pounds to be paid half yearly reserving to the Corporation the Use of the said Island with the buildings thereon for persons with infectious Disorders & the priviledge of fishing on the Shore of the said Island for the Bridewell & Alms House.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to Mr Doughty of the said Island accordingly

On reading a Petition of James Hardie teacher of the Greek & Latin Languages.

Ordered that he be permitted to use the Exchange Room for the public Examination of his Pupils.

A Petition of Peter Lorillard praying that he may have a Lease for Lot No 3 in Chatham Street late purchased from the Treasurer for 42 instead of 21 Years, as the Buildings are not worth repair & he intends to erect a valuable Building on the said Lot; was read & referred to the Treasurer.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Water Street between Beekmans & Pecks Slip praying an Ordinance for altering the pavement of the said Street & raising the same; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the East Ward & the Assistant of Montgomerie Ward. who if they conceive it necessary & proper are to prepare an Ordinance for the purpose.

[68] The Committee of Ways & Means delivered in a Report on the Subject of the Powder Magazine; from which it appears that the Expences attending the keeping of the said Magazines far exceed the Emoluments arising therefrom to the Corporation, and thereupon the Board came to the following Resolution's vizt

Resolved that from the encrease of Houses in the vicinity of the old Magazine it is become dangerous to the Safety of the City, the Store Keeper be direced forthwith to remove all the Gun Powder from the old to the new Magazine & that no Gun Powder be deposited in the old Magazine in future.

That the Treasurer be directed to demand of John Gilbert Keeper of said Magazine immediate payment of the Ballance of £182: 14: 0½ which from the said Report appears to be due from him to the Corporation

That the Watchmen employed to guard the said Magazines be dismissed, so that the number of City Watchmen be reduced to 24.

That the price for storing of Powder shall not exceed the Prices established by the Law of this Corporation.

That the New Magazine be leased out for the Term of three Years at public Auction on due Notice under the Direction of the Treasurer All Repairs Taxes &c to be paid at the expence of the Lessee and that the Lessee be bound to conform to the Law of this Corporation in the Managemt of the said Magazine.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay the follows Persons the following Sums vizt

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|---|---|---|
| issued | Tobias Van Zandt, to be disposed of by the Committee appointed to direct the Repairs to the Goal, to be accounted for | £100:—:— |
| issued | Joseph Coleman | 124:13: 4 |
| issued | Wilson Rawson | 222: 1:10 |
| issued | Saml Ward & Brothers | 48:—:— |
| issued | Murray Mumford & Bowen in full of their respective Accts of Lamp Oil | 49: 2: 2 / 443:17: 4 |
| issued | [69] Thomas Ivers for Rope furnished Mr Colles at the Water Works in 1775 £6:17:6 And for bend leather for the public Pumps in 1776 by order of the Genl Comtee £5:11 | £12: 8: 6 |
| issued | John Brower for Upholterers Work at the Court Room | 15:18: 9 |
| issued | John Goodeve for a Box Candles | 2: 8: 7 |
| issued | Aaron Aerson for the Use of his Room by a Committee of this Board | 1: 2:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 5th Day of May 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Nichs Bayard | | Jas Nicholson |
| Jeremh Wool | Esqrs Aldermen | Joseph Pierson |
| John Wylley | | Cornl C Roosevelt |
| Peter Elting | | Abm Van Gelder |
| Marins Willet | | |

Assists

Ordered that Alda Bayard Mr Van Zandt & Mr Nicholson be a Committee to examine and audit the Accounts of the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell for the last Quarter

Mr Mayor & the other Members proceeded to visit the several Apartments of the Alms House and Bridewell; and being returned, [70] Aldn Bayard reported that the Committee had examined & audited the said Accounts for the last Quarter vizt

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| Expenditures of the Alms House | £1137:10:11 |
| the like of the Bridewell | 95: 7: 6 |
| Total | 1232:18: 5 |

An Estimate of the Commissioners of the Monies necessary for the ensuing Quarter was then read and approved vizt

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|---|---|
| for the Alms House | £1000:—:— |
| for the Bridewell | 200:—:— |
| | 1200:—:— |

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay to the Commissioners the Sum of £1200 accordingly

Ordered the like to pay Wm Sloo Keeper of the Bridewell the Sum of Eleven pounds 17/6 to be by him paid to the several Constables and Marshalls for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell from the 1st febr to the 1st Inst. agreable to an Acct thereof rendered to & approved by the Board this Day.

The following Report was delivered in by Aldn Gilbert vizt

"Your Committee appointed to enquire into the Charge made against the Commissioners of the Alms House for supplying the said House with improper & bad provisions Report that they have enquired of the Keepers of the Alms House and Bridewell concerning the said Complaint and find that the Commissioners have supplied some bad Butter & also a quantity of bad Flour: But from the account Mr Dodge gave of this Business [71] it appears, it was accidental or a want of Attention And also that Care has been taken to have proper Provisions supplied in future. Upon the whole Mr Dodge was of Opinion that the Alms House is supplied as well as can be expected.

May 5th 1788

Wm W Gilbert
Peter Elting
Abm Van Gelder

Ordered that the Commissioners provide a Passage & Necessaries for James McManus, a Pauper, to Phila the place of his Residence.

Ordered that Aldn Elting & Willet & Mr Janeway be a Committee to enquire into the State and Situation of the Sick in the Alms House & Bridewell & particular into their Treatment by the Doctor.

In pursuance of the Law of this State entitled "An Act* the Board proceeded to nominate and appoint Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell and the following Gentlemen were duly nominated and appointed accordingly viz$^{t}$

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| John Stagg | Obadiah Seaman |
| Francis Bassett | Richard Lawrence |
| Elias Nixen | Elijah Cock |
| William DePeyster | Henry Riker |
| Jacob Seaman | John Brower |
| Willet Seaman | Abraham Herring |
| William Hardenbrook | |

Ordered that the Common Seal of this City be affixed to their several Commissions and that M$^{r}$ Mayor subscribe them on behalf of this Board accordingly

[72] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 14$^{th}$ May 1788

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

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| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Tobias Van Zandt | Assist$^{ts}$ |
| Peter Elting | | James Nicholson | |
| Marinus Willet | | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder | |
| John Wylley | | Joseph Pearson | |
| Jerem$^{h}$ Wool | | | |

The following Persons were admitted & sworn as Free Men of this City viz$^{t}$

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| James Mathers | laborer | Cornelius Westervelt | laborer |
| James Monell | d$^{o}$ | William Ryer | d$^{o}$ |
| Matthias Hack | d$^{o}$ | Edmund Butler | d$^{o}$ |
| Thomas Jacocks | d$^{o}$ | Ab$^{m}$ Van Blarakem | d$^{o}$ |
| Richard Westervelt | d$^{o}$ | Nath$^{l}$ Morrison | d$^{o}$ |
| William Smith | d$^{o}$ | W$^{m}$ Butler | d$^{o}$ |
| George Beekman | d$^{o}$ | Frederick Long | d$^{o}$ |
| Lucas Kip | d$^{o}$ | John Cottle | d$^{o}$ |
| Anderson French | d$^{o}$ | | |

Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert informed the Board that Sam$^{l}$ Johnson one of the Overseers of the public Wells & Pumps in the West Ward requested that he might be excused from serving in that Office, he having executed it last Year. The said Excuse being judged reasonable, this

*An Act for the better settlement and Relief of the Poor was passed by the Legislature March 7, 1788, of which section XXXIV provided that the Common Council of the City of New York should appoint twelve or more "Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell".
Jones and Varick: Laws of New York, 1789, p. 314.—Ed.

Board do accordingly discharge him from the said Office And do hereby nominate and appoint Anthony Post in his stead.

The following Ordinance was agreed to by the Board and passed viz[t]

A Law for the cleansing and scouring of the Common Sewer & the Sinks appertaining thereto in Wall Street in the East Ward.

[73] M[r] Mayor laid before the Board several Presentments, of the Grand Jurors of the last Court of Gen[l] Sessions of the Peace held for this City & County, against the following Grievances & Nuisances in this City viz[t]

The dirty appearance of the Streets many of which are impassable.

The obstructions the Citizens receive in Business by the Cartmen standing Idle with their Carts & blocking up certain Streets.

The going at large of Hogs in the City.

And the employing of Criminals & Vagrants, confined in Bridewell, in compleating Contracts made by the Commissioners with private Persons and by that Means depriving the industrious Poor of the Means of Subsistence.

Ordered that the said Presentments be referred to Ald[n] Gilbert & Willet & M[r] Nicholson to consider on & to report their Opinion & the Measures proper to be taken by this Board thereon.

Ordered that an Election, be held on Tuesday next at 11 O'Clock in the forenoon at the Corner of Dock Street & Coenties Lane, in the Dock Ward, of an Assistant for the said Ward in the place of M[r] Anthony Griffith deceased.

A Petition of the Proprietors of several of the Lots in Water Street between Beekman & Pecks Slips praying for the Reasons therein mentioned that the prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants of the said Street (presented on the 30[th] Ult[o] may not be granted; was read And thereupon.

Ald[n] Willet from the Committee, to whom the said last mentioned Petition was referred, reported that in the Opinion of the Committee the Prayer [74] of the said last mentioned Petition ought not to be complied with; which was agreed to by the Board.

The follow[g] Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Robert Crommelin & of Peter Schermerhorne, Simon Schermerhorn & James A Stewart, Report it as their Opinion that the prayers of the Petitioners be complied with and that a Grant be made to the Petitioners for the Ground under the Water in front of the Lots owned by the Petitioners respectively the whole extent of the Right of the Corporation

except ten feet which it is thought advisable to retain for the use of the Corporation agreable to a former Resolution of this Board—Subject to the same Conditions of other Grants made by this Corporation in similar Circumstances.

M: Willet
Tobias Van Zandt

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Drafts of the said Grants & present them to the Bd accordingly.

The Treasurer to whom was referred a Petition of Charles F Wiessenfels, Lessee under this Corporation of the Ferry across the North River to Hoboock; reported a State of Facts on the Subject; Whereupon it was Ordered that the said Ferry be sold at public Auction under the Direction of the Treasurer for the Term of three Years to commence at the expiration of the present Lease and [75] the Purchasor to give Security for the performance of his Covenants & the due payment of his Rent

A Petition of Nicholas Cruger was read praying, for the sake of running the Fence in front of his Farm strait & uniform to take in some small part of the Common Lands, for which he is willing to pay a reasonable price; was read & considered and thereupon Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted provided the public Road or High Way be not thereby injured.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Out Ward & Aldn Willet be a Committee to attend & direct the running of the Line & to agree with Mr Cruger for the price of the Common Lands he shall enclose.

The Treasurer reported on the Petition of Peter Lourillard his Opinion and Reasons in favor of granting him a Lease for the Lot No 3 in Chatham Street for the Term of 42 Years instead of 21 Years at the Rent of £6 per Annum for the first 21 Years & £8 per Ann for the residue of the Term; which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to him for the said Lot accordingly

A Petition of Barent J Martling & John Delanoy praying the exclusive privilege of inspecting fire Wood from Deans Wharf to the North side of Batteau Slip inclusive, for which they will pay to the Corporation the annual Sum of thirty pounds; was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert Elting & Wylley & Messrs Nicholson & Pearson.

issued [76] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Walter Heyer the Sum of £7: 1: 6 for the use of his Rooms by the Common Council during the sitting of the late Circuit & Supreme Court £7: 1: 6

issued Ordered the like to advance Mr Tobias Van Zandt the Sum of £50 to be applied by the Committee towards the Repairs to the Goal.

Ordered the like to pay the follows Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Accts

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| issued | Jno W Gilbert for his Service as Clerk to the late Genl Election in the West Wd | £2:13:— |
| issued | Thos Gilbert for the like in Dock Wd | 3: 4:— |
| issued | Jno T Duryee for the like do Wd | 3: 7:— |
| issued | Willet Taylor Junr in Montg Wd | 2: 8:— |
| issued | James Bogert .... in do | 2: 8:— |
| issued | Thos Turnbull ... in do | 2: 8:— |
| issued | David R Bogert ... in the West Wd | 2:13:— |
| issued | Richd Duryee ... in the Out Wd | 2:16:— |
| issued | Benja Graves ... in the North Wd | 3: 4:— |
| issued | Francis Childs ... in do | 3:10:— |
| issued | Simon Kiersted in full for Repairs to the public Wells & Pumps to the 14th Inst | 33:12:— |
| issued | Garret De Bow for the use of his Shed for the Reception of one of the fire Engines in full to the 1st Inst.. | 5:—:— |

[77] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday May 21st 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Alds | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistts |
| Marinus Willet | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Peter Elting | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | James Nicholson | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wylley | | Cornes C Roosevelt | |

On reading the Return or Poll List of the Election held on Tuesday last of an Assistant for the Dock Ward in the place of Anthony Griffith deceased it appears that Winant Van Zandt is duly elected. Ordered that he be notified to attend & take his Seat at this Board accordingly.

A Petition of Charles F Wiessenfels on the subject of the Ferry across the North River was read & rejected.

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer on the Subject of the Terms agreed to by the Board for the Sale of the Powder Magazine, the Board agreed that the following addition be made thereto vizt "So as that the price of the Storage of Gun Powder shall not be reduced, by the authority of this Corporation, below that which is now

fixed by their Law And that the Fees arising on the Powder which shall be in the Magazine at the time of the Lessee's taking possession thereof shall be equally divided between [78] Mr Gilbert the present Keeper of the said Magazine & the Lessee thereof—Such Lessee also indemnifying Mr Gilbert on account of his being chargeable for the said Powder to the respective Owners thereof"

The Committee appointed to examine the State of the several Wharfs in this City reported "That the Block built at Beekmans Slip be compleated.

That the request of Genl Malcom for the wharfage of any part of Beekman's Slip ought not to be granted.

That the Albany Pier be repaired and also the Ell adjoining it on the East side.

That it is the Opinion of the Committee that the proprietors of the White Hall Dock be directed to repair & put the same in good Order

That the Bulkhead of the White Hall Slip be compleated and the Slip filled up;"

The said Report being considered by Paragraphs was agreed to; that part which directs the filling up White Hall Slip excepted; the further consideration of which was postponed.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assiste of the respective Wards in which the Repairs mentioned in the said Report lie contract to have the same executed provided the same do not exceed the amount of the respective Estimates thereof by them produced to the Board this Day

It being suggested to the Board that the pitching of the Arch of the Street called the Broad Way lately regulated & now paving is unsatisfactory to the Neighborhood & appears to have too great descent towards the Houses on each side of the Street. Ordered that the [79] three City Surveyors do forthwith examine into the Matter & direct the Business to be executed in manner most agreable to the Neighborhood & the public Convenience.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

"Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Barent J Martlings & John Delanoy Report that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted: But in consequence of frequent Complaints from the Inspectors of Cord Wood & being desirous of adopting some plan, which may prevent their Complaints in future, do propose the following which in the Opinion of your Committee is not only equitable, but also calculated, to effect the purpose aforesaid vizt That on every Vacancy which from time to time may happen by resignation removal

or death of an Inspector the Senior Inspector shall have the first Offer of such Vacancy—that in case the Senior Inspector shall choose the said Vacancy, the next Senior Inspector shall have the first Offer of the Vacancy thus made by his removal And so on until all the then Inspectors according to Seniority have made their respective Choices that then the District that may be left vacant by the removals aforesaid shall be occupied by a new appointment"

Wm W Gilbert
John Wylley
Peter Elting
James Nicholson
Joseph Pierson
} Committee

[80] A Petition of the Inhabitants of Lumber Street praying an Order for regulating the said Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the West Ward

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to
issued advance Mr Tobias Van Zandt the further Sum of £100 to be applied by the Committee towards Repairs to the Goal

Ordered the like to pay Abijah Hammond the Sum of £10 to
issued be applied to the sinking a Well & for a pump in Delancey Street.

Ordered the like to pay Abm Van Gelder the Sum of £31: 18:8 for lighting & cleang the public Lamps from 26th March to 26th April
issued

issued Ordered the like to pay Edwd Blagge the Sum of £2:8 as Clerk at the late Genl Election in Montg Ward.

Ordered the like to pay Peter Elting Junr the Sum of 16/
issued as Clerk at the late Election of an Assist in the Dock Ward.

[81] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Friday the 23d May 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Nichs Bayard
Wm W Gilbert
Jeremh Wool
Peter Elting
Marinus Willet
} Esqrs Aldn

James Nicholson
Tobias Van Zandt
Abm Van Gelder
Joseph Pierson
Winant Van Zandt
} Assistts

Mr Winant Van Zandt elected at the late Election in the Dock Ward an Assistant in the stead of Anthony Griffith deceased, ap-

peared &, after taking & subscribing the Oaths by Law & the Charter of this City prescribed & directed, took his Seat

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer.

Ordered that Aldn Bayard & Messrs Nicholson & Winant Van Zandt be a Committee with the Treasurer to audit & settle the Tax Books of the Collectors in the several Wards.

Ordered that the Treasurer demand of Mr Cary Ludlow the Quit Rent due on his Water Lot at Burnets Key and that his request for an allowance for filling part of the Street cannot be complied with—the same being considered by the Board as unreasonable.

The Treasurer submitted to the Board, Terms for the Sale of the Powder Magazine, which, after some Correction & Amendment, were approved.

Ordered that Mr Winant Van Zandt be appointed a Member of the standing Committee to audit Accts in the place of Mr Griffiths decd

[82] A Petition of Isaac Stoutenburgh & several others Inhabitants of Greenwich Street complains of the Ruins of an old Builds of Mr Mesier which is become a Nuisance & obstructs the continuing of the Street agreable to the late regulation thereof; was read & referred to Aldn Elting & Willet & Mr Nicholson, who are also to enquire into the State of Mr Mesiers claim for Injury to his Ground in consequence of the sd late Regulation of Greenwich Street & to take Mr Recorders law Opinion on the Subject

On Motion of Aldn Bayard.

Ordered that a Committee be appointed to take the Subject into Consideration & to report some Regulations for the Hackney Coaches made use of in this City.

Mr Bancker & Mr Goerick two of the City Surveyors of Streets delivered to the Board their Survey made of the Street called the Broad Way now paving agreable to the Order of this Board of the last Meeting; from which it appears that the round or arch of the said Street is too high by at least half a foot and that they had regulated the same to be only eighteen Inches higher in the middle of the Street than at the Kennel towards the Houses on each side the Street; which being approved of by the Board It was ordered that the said Surveyors do cause the said Street to be paved accordly

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to
issued pay Willson Rawson the Sum of £138:14:7 for 16 Cask of Lamp Oil.

[83] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Thursday the 5th Day of June 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Jeremh Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assistts |
| Marinus Willet | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Jas Nicholson | |
| John Wylley | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Peter Elting | | Winant Van Zandt | |
| | | Cornes C Roosevelt | |
| | | Joseph Pierson | |

Isaac Hadley, laborer admitted & sworn a free Man of this City

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer relative to an Acct exhibited by John Moore for Mason Work done at the Bridewell previous to the late War; from the face of which account a ballce of £210: 12: 3 appeared to be due; which said ballce was by an Order of this Board of the 1st febr 1785 paid by the City Treasurer—that from some Circumstances & facts he hath discovered since he hath reason to apprehend that the said Acct must have been settled & paid by the Corporation previous to the late War. Ordered that Aldn Elting & Messrs Janeway & Tobias Van Zandt be a Committee to enquire into the subject & report the Result to the Board.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistts of the South & West Wards be a Committee to enquire into the execution of the late Regulation of Broadway & New Street & report to the Board.

[84] It being suggested to the Board that Encroachments have been made on the common Lands by Mr Semler Ordered that Aldn Bayard & Willet & Mr Roosevelt be a Committee to enquire into the Subject & to report a State of the Facts to the Board

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration & to report the best Method of conveying the filthy Water from the Goal Alms House and Bridewell report that in the Opinion of the Committee a Sewer of pitch pine be made under Ground along the Rear of the Alms House & Bridewell down Warren Street And that the Committee who were appointed to direct the Repairs now making to the Goal, be authorized to have the Work executed by Contract with as much expedition as the nature of the Business will admit; the Expence of which in the Opinion of the Committee cannot exceed two hundred Pounds.

M: Willet
James Nicholson

New York 5th June

The said Report being agreed to

Ordered that the Committee appointed to direct the Repairs to the Goal be directed to carry the said Report into execution And that Mr Nicholson be added to the said Committee for the above purpose in the place of Mr Peirson.

[85] It being represented to the Board that Mr Danl Ludlow is willing to hire the Bowling Green & ornament it with Trees & keep it in good Fence—Ordered that the Treasurer enquire on what Conditions the same can be leased & to make an Offer to the present Occupant of the same, and if he declines it on such Terms that he agree for it with Mr Ludlow.

The Treasurer reports that agreable to the Order of this Board he had sold the New Powder Magazine to Mr John Gilbert for the Term of three Years from the 1st Inst at the Rent of £41 per Annum subject to the Covenants agreed to by the Board

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to him accordingly.

Aldn Gilbert from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of Lumber Street praying that the said Street may be regulated report that they have examined the said Street and are of Opinion that the same ought to be regulated and also Auchmuty Street which crosses it ought to be regulated likewise and that the Surveyors should be directed to report such Regulation that an Ordinance may be prepared for both purposes; Which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that Aloph Waldron the present Lessee of the Ferry to Brooklin have credit given him for the Sum of £32:10:9¼ to be by him paid to the Collector of Brooklin Township for the Tax on the Corporation property there.

[86] A Petition of Lyon Hart praying payment for a number of Buckets by him supplied & lost at the burning of Rutger's Brewery in the Year 1783* was read

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner cannot be complied with.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the follows Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Accts viz$^{t}$

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| issued | Joseph Pierson for making watchmens Boxes to be placed in the Streets..... | £31:11: 6 |
| issued | Henry Shute for repairs to the Roads..... | 62: 1:— |

* Marginal note reads *just before the Evacuation by the British.*—Ed.

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| issued | Rinier Skaats for one Quarter Salary as Door Keeper & Messenger & for extra Service from 15th febr to 15th May last | £10:—:— |
| issued | Walter McDonald for his Service as Clerk at the late Genl Election in the Out Ward | 2:10: 6 |
| issued | Isaac L Kip for the like in the like in the So Ward | 2: 8:— |
| issued | Abraham Brower for the like in the So Ward | 2:16:— |
| issued | Cornes Fish & Isaac Heyer for the like in the East Ward | 7: 7:— |

[87] City of New York } ss

At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday June 12th 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Peter Elting<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Marinus Willet<br>Jerh Wool | Esqrs Alds | Geo. Janeway<br>Winant Van Zandt<br>Jos. Peirson<br>Jas Nicholson<br>Cornes C Roosevelt | Assistts |

Ordered that the Sewer, for conveying the filthy Water from the Goal Alms House and Bridewell, be made from the front instead of the Rear of those buildings & that the same be carried to the River down Murray Street instead of Warrens Street as was reported by the Committee at the last Meeting.

The Persons, appointed to make the Estimates of the Expence of conforming to the late Regulations of Broad Way, Verlettenbergh & New Streets, and also of that part of Queens Street which lies between Kings Street & the Fly Market; and a just and equitable assessment thereof among the Owners or Occupants of all the Houses and Lots intended to be benefitted thereby, returned to the Board, Certificates in Writing of the said Estimates and Assessments; which, being examined, were ratified by the Board [88] And thereupon Ordered that Mr John McComb be authorized to receive from the several Owners or Occupants of the Houses & Lots named in the said Assessment respecting Broad Way, Verletten Bergh & New Streets, the Sums at which the said Houses & Lots are respectively assessed And that Mr Robert Lenox be authorized to receive from the several Owners and Occupants of the Houses & Lots named in the said Assessment respecting Queens Street the Sums at which the said Houses & Lots are respectively assessed.

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer, inclosing a State of the Debts due from this Corporation to sundry Persons on Bond—It was ordered by the Board that the Treasurer be authorized and di-

rected, out of the Revenue Fund, from time to time to pay off the Principal as well as the Interest of those Bonds in such proportions and in such manner as in his judgment will be most satisfactory to the Creditors & beneficial to this Corporation.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Treatment of Dr Vacher towards the Sick in the Alms House Report that they have received general Satisfaction from the Keeper, Nurses & the Sick of the said House, and that the Doctors Attention is satisfactory to them.

Peter Elting
M: Willet

A Petition of the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Congregation in this City, praying permission that certain Vaults for the interment of the Dead, about to be erected in the Cimetry [89] of their old Church, may project a few feet under the Street; was read & referred to Aldn Willet, & Messrs Nicholson & Janeway

The following Certificates were presented to the Board, by Mr Mayor, & read & ordered to be entered on the Minutes vizt

"I William W Gilbert Esqr do hereby testify that I actually paid "into the City Treasury in behalf of the Mayor the Sum of three "hundred and twenty seven Pounds twelve Shillings remaining due to "the Corporation on 364 Licences granted by the Mayor between "the first day of March 1786 & the 14th day of February 1787 after "deducting thereout, as by an Order of the Common Council dated "the 14th day of February 1787 is directed; and that the said Sum of "three hundred and twenty seven Pounds twelve Shillings, was part of "the Sum of eleven hundred and twenty one Pounds sixteen Shillings "paid by me into the said Treasury for Excise & Licence in the Year "above mentioned. And I do further testify that I also actually paid "into the City Treasury in behalf of the Mayor the Sum of three "hundred and forty six Pounds ten Shillings for 385 tavern Licences "granted by the Mayor between the first Day of March 1787 & the "first day of March 1788 agreably to the Directions of an Order of "the Common Council dated the 20th Feby 1788 and that the said Sum "of three hundred & forty Six Pounds ten Shillings was part of the "Sum of eleven hundred and one Pounds seventeen Shillings paid by "me into the said Treasury for Excise and Licence for the Year last "above mentioned.

"Dated this 6th Day of June 1788. Wm W. Gilbert

"June 7th 1788 I do hereby certify Wm W Gilbert Esqr has paid "into the City Treasury for the Excise and Licence [90] as within

"mentioned for the Year 1786 eleven hundred & twenty one Pounds "sixteen Shillings and for the Year 1787 the Sum of eleven hundred "& one Pounds seventeen Shillings which Sums are included under the "head of Excise for those respective Years

"Dan[l] Phœnix City Treas[r]"

The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The Committee to whom was referred the late Presentments of the Grand Jury respecting sundry Abuses & Nuisances in this City Report it as their Opinion that an Ordinance be passed to prevent Hogs going at large in the Streets subjecting the Owners to a Fine for the use of any person or persons who shall take up any such Hog or Hogs.

And that an Ordinance be likewise passed to oblige all persons residing within this City (where the Streets in front of the Houses and Lots they respectively occupy are regulated and paved) to sweep the Streets in front of their Houses and Lots and have the Dirt carried away every Saturday from the last Day of March to the first day of November—that whoever shall neglect so that the Dirt remains until Sunday Morning shall forfeit the Sum of ————. That no person whatsoever shall at any time carry Dirt into the Street and suffer it to remain there all Night under the Penalty [91] of ———— And that if any Butcher shall throw any Garbage into the Street near the Market or Stall they may respectively occupy under the Penalty of ——— that all Fines & forfeitures incurred by the said Ordinances shall be for the use of whoever may prosecute for the same.

M: Willet

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the said Ordinances accordingly

Ald[n] Wool delivered in Estimates of several Persons for filling in the White Hall Slip & it appearing that an Estimate of James Monell & others was the lowest viz[t] £65 which the Board agreed to accept And thereupon ordered that the Ald[n] & Assist of the South Ward be authorized to enter into a Contract with the said Persons at the above rate And that this Board will from time to time make such advances of Money on the said Contract as the Work performed by them shall be reported by the said Ald[n] & Assist to be executed.

issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance John Hartwick the Sum of £15 being part of £24 which he is to have for repair[s] the Albany Pier.

issued Ordered the like to pay Josiah Hornblower the Sum of £12 for attend$^{g}$ & examining & making Report of the fire Engine for the Water Works about to be erected in 1775.

issued Ordered the like to pay Tobias Van Zandt the Sum of £6:14:4$^{d}$ for fire Wood by him purchased & distributed among certain indigent families last Winter by order of this Board

issued And to Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for light$^{g}$ the public Lamps from 26$^{th}$ April to 26$^{th}$ May last £31:17:4$^{d}$

[92] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 26$^{th}$ June 1788.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Nich$^{s}$ Bayard
Peter Elting
Jerem$^{h}$ Wool
Marinus Willet
W$^{m}$ W Gilbert
} Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

Ja$^{s}$ Nicholson
Joseph Pierson
Winant Van Zandt
Corn$^{s}$ C Roosevelt
} Assist$^{ts}$

Ordered that John M$^{c}$Comb be appointed to superintend & direct the paving of Broad Way Verlettenbergh & New Streets & that Geo: Gosman be appointed for the like purpose as to Queen Street agreable to the late Regulation of those Streets.

A Petition of James Dunlap and 6 others praying that Queens Street from Kings Street to Wall Street may be regulated and paved in like manner as the said Street from the Fly Market to Kings Street hath lately been regulated and paved; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assistant of the East Ward & the Assistant of the Dock Ward.

A Petition of a great number of the Inhabitants in the neighborhood of Burlings Slip complaining of it's being rendered Useless by the quantity of Filth & Mud which lies in it and the want of a Wharf or Peir on the East side; was read and referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the East Ward & the Assist of Montgomerie Ward.

[93] Ordered that Adolph Degrove Jun$^{r}$ be appointed a Measurer of Grain in this City.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of William Street praying that the said Street may be new regulated and paved; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of the East & North Wards & the Assist$^{t}$ of Montgomerie Ward.

On reading a Report of the Committee of Ways & Means.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder be requested on behalf of this Board to

commence prosecutions against any person or Persons who shall be guilty of any Intrusions on the Common Lands by digging & carry off Clay or Stones And also to demand the possession of any of those Lands; which may be illegally possessed by any Person & in case of refusal that he commence Suits for the recovery thereof.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation (presented at the last Meeting); reported that in their Opinion the prayer ought to be granted; which was agreed to by the Board.

The Committee appointed to report the necessary Improvements to the Fly Market delivered into the Board several Estimates Whereupon the Board went into the Consideration of the Extent of the Improvements which it would be expedient to make at the Corporation Expence And it was determined that the Sewer be continued to the South side of front Street—that a Bulkhead be laid across the Slip at the South Side [94] of front Street & that proper Blocks or Wings be laid in the Slip to extend 64 feet beyond the South side of front Street for the purpose of supporting a Market which may be erected at the Expence of the Neighborhood.

And it was ordered that the said Committee be authorized to have the above Work executed on Contract provided the same does not exceed £500.

A Petition of several Persons complaining of the decayed and dangerous State of the Wharf between White Hall Slip & Moores Wharf; was read And thereupon Ordered that the Proprietors be informed that unless they keep the said Wharf in Repair they will be proceeded against agreable to the Covenants in their respective Grants.

Ald[n] Gilbert, from the Committee appointed to meet with M[r] Kip & Gen[l] Malcom to ascertain the Boundary Line between their Land & the Corporations, informed the Board that a Difference in Opinion had taken place with respect to the standard of Measurement & that the parties had proposed to submit the Matter to the Opinion of Mess[rs] Jones & Hamilton; which was approved of & agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Stable, in the Goal Yard, which is become offensive to the prisoners be removed from it's present Situation to the Alms House Stable.

[95] The Surveyors delivered in a plan of the Elevation of Lumber & *Auchmuty Streets & Oister Pasty Lane in the West Ward; which was approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed. Ordered that

* Marginal note reads *Rector Street.*—ED.

the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for the Regulating digging & paving of the said Streets accordingly

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay

issued Vincent Carter & Thos Skaats the Sum of £5:8:9 for carting Dirt on the Dock.

issued John Hartwick £9:4 for the ballce of his Demand of £24 for repairs to the Albany Pier And the further Sum of £5:14 for Repairs at the White Hall Slip.

[96] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday July 2d 1788

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Nichs Bayard<br>Peter Elting<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Marins Willet<br>John Wyllcy<br>Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Winant Van Zandt<br>Jas Nicholson<br>Joseph Peirson<br>Corns C Roosevelt | Assistts |

The following Order was agreed to by the Board for celebrating next Friday, being the Twelfth anniversary of our Independence viz[t]

At sunrise a display of Colours on the City Hall & the ringing of all the public Bells in the City for one Hour. At 12 O'Clock the Members of this Board to meet at the City Hall & attended by the Sherif Coroner Constables & Marshalls proceed to wait on his Excellency the President of Congress (his Excellency the Governor being absent from the City) to congratulate him on the Day. At the same time the Bells to ring for one Hour.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistts of the East & North Wards & the Assist[t] of Montgy Wd be a Committee to enquire into [and] report a proper Regulation for conveying the Water from King Street into the River

[97] On reading a Letter from the Treasurer on the Subject of the Ferries across the North River to Hoboock & other places to the Northward

Resolved that the Treasurer be directed to dispose of the said Ferries for the Term of three Years at public Auction & that the Boats have the Right in Common with each other of landing at any part of the Corporation Wharfs or Slips north of Cortlandt Slip.

The Committee on the Petition of James Dunlap & others, pre-

sented at the last Meeting, reported that the Prayer of the Petition ought to be granted; Whereupon the following Ordinance for that purpose was passed viz[t]

"A Law to alter & amend Queen Street from Kings Street to Wall Street."

Ald[n] Gilbert from the Committee reported to the Board Estimates of the Expence of making Bulkheads across Cortlandt & Vesey Slips; viz[t] the former at £35 for the Bulkhead & £30 for filling in the same & the latter at £30 for the Bulkhead & £40 for filling in the same Whereupon it was ordered by the Board that the same Committee be authorized to get the said Work executed provided the same do not exceed the s[d] Estimates

A Petition of Lambert Moore relative to a House erected in front of Moores Wharf in the South Ward during the late War, was read & referred to the Ald[n] of the South Dock & East Wards.

[98] A Petition of Thomas Gardner praying a Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River in front of his Lots at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to the Committee on the several Petitions of the proprietors of Lots in that Neighborhood.

A Petition of Christopher Fiegenham praying a Lease of the Lot in Barrack Street, the Improvements whereof he lately purchased of the Treasurer at Vendue, for 42 Years instead of 21 Years; was read & referred to Ald[n] Gilbert & the Ald[n] & Assist of the North Ward & M[r] Roosevelt

Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for paving of Greenwich Street (& the intermediate Slips) from Cortlandt Street to Barclay Street

Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance James Monell on Acc[t] the Sum of £9 towards filling in Whitehall Slip. issued

Ordered the like to pay Joseph Shelvey the Sum of £6:5/ for one Quarter Salary as Corrector of petty Larceny Offenders to the 27[th] Ult[o] issued

And to Rob[t] Gosman the Sum of £11 for erect[g] a fire Engine House at the North Church issued

The Committee on the Petition for a new Regulation & paving of William Street, reported verbally in favor of the said Petition

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for regulating & paving of the said Street accordingly.

[99] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday July 9th 1788.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Nichs Bayard<br>John Wylley<br>Peter Elting | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Jas Nicholson<br>Winant Van Zandt |

Assistts

John Campbell, Potter, attended & informed the Board of his embarrassed Situation in consequence of the late Order of this Board prohibiting the digging & carrying away Clay from the Common Lands & that unless he could be permitted to procure Clay there his Manufactury of Pantiles must cease; Whereupon it was ordered that Aldn Bayard, Gilbert and Elting & Messrs Roosevelt & Winant Van Zandt be a Committee to enquire into & report on the Subject.

The Persons appointed to make an Estimate of the expence of conforming to the late Regulation of Queens Street from Kings Street to Wall Street And a just and equitable Assessment thereof among the Owners or Occupants of all the Houses & Lots intended to be benefitted thereby, returned to the Board a Certificate in Writing of the said Estimate & Assessment which was ratified by the Board And thereupon Ordered that Thomas be authorized to receive [100] from the several Owners or Occupants of the Houses & Lots named in the said Assessment the Sums at which the said Houses & Lots, are respectively assessed And Ordered that George Gosman be appointed to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street agreable to the said Regulation

The Clerk according to order presented to the Board the three following Ordinances which were read & passed vizt

"A Law to alter & amend William Street, from Maiden Lane to Johns Street"

"A Law to regulate the pitching & paving of Lumber, Auchmuty, & Oister pasty Streets in the West Ward"

"A Law for the paving of Greenwich Street and the intermediate Slips from Cortlandt Street to Barclay Street"

A Petition of James Desbrosses & several others relative to a new regulation of the lower part of Kings Street; which if it should take place will be very injurious to their Houses & Lots; was read & referred to the Committee lately appointed to examine that Street.

The Treasurer reported that agreable to the order of the Bd he had disposed of the Several Ferries across the North River on the followg Terms vizt

Hoboock to Ch F Wiessenfels for 3 Years to commence the 31st Augt next at £5 P. Annum

Weehaack to Joseph Smith for the like Term to commence the day of Sale the 8th Inst at the rate of 20/ pr Annum

[101] Bulls Ferry to Cornse Huyler for the like Term to commence the 8th Inst at the rate of 30/ per Annum

Fort Lee to Stephen Burdett for the like Term to commence the 8th Inst at 20/ pr Annum.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Leases accordingly.

The Clerk according to order presented an Ordinance to prevent Hogs going at large in this City; which was read & on Mr Recorders asking whether the same should pass into a Law it passed in the Negative & was rejected

On a reconsideration of the Order of this Bd of the 12th Ulto on the Subject of the Treasury

Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to withhold paying off any part of the Principal due from this Corporation to Individuals on Bond without an Order from this Board for the purpose: But that he report to the Board from time to time, when any Person shall demand the payment of the Principal, the State of the Treasury as to the amount of the Monies (arising from the Revenue Fund) in his hands or which he may expect soon to receive, to the end that this Board may determine on the expediency; whether to appropriate the said Monies or a part thereof to the discharge of their Debts on Bond or any other public purpose.

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Messrs Pierson & Janeway be a Committee to view & report the Repairs necessary to the Corporation Wharf at the North River.

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay John Simmons the Sum of £19: 18: 5 for the use of his House & Rooms

And to Tobias Van Zandt the Sum of £8: 10: 6 for Repairs to the Wharf at Beekmans Slip

[102] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the sd City on Wednesday July 16th 1788

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Winant Van Zandt | Assistts |
| Peter Elting | | Jas Nicholson | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Joseph Pierson | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Marinus Willet | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | Geo: Janeway | |

A Petition of Gabriel W Ludlow in behalf of the Heirs of Wm Brownjohn decd & of several others praying that the Water passing through Kings Street may be lead over the Wharf into the River; was read & referred to the Committee on that Subject

A Petition of Genl Malcom praying the privilege of the Wharf on the East side of Beekman's Slip; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the East Ward & the Assistt of Montgomerie Ward

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer

Ordered that so much of the Monies in the Treasury arising from the Revenue Fund as will be sufficient to pay the City Watchmen for one Month's Service be applied to that purpose to be replaced [103] out of the Monies arising from the Watch & Lamp Fund & that the Treasurer pay the City Watchmen the amount of one Months pay accordingly

In pursuance of the Law of this State entitled "An Act authorizing the Corporation of the City of New York to remove the Statue therein mentioned" Ordered that the Aldn & Assists of the Dock & East Wards be a Committee to remove the remains of Pitts Statue from Wall Street & that they deposit the same in some safe place until the further Order of this Board.

Ordered that the Committee, on the Petitions of the several Proprietors of Lands at Corlaers Hook for Grants of the Soil under Water in front of their respective Lots, be discharged And that the Subject of the said several Petitions be referred to Aldn Bayard & Willet & Messrs Roosevelt Nicholson & Tobias Van Zandt And that they direct such a Survey to be made of the said Lands & of the Soil under Water in front of them as that this Board may be enabled to see whether the granting of the prayers of the said Petitions will not interfere with the Streets already laid out & the Slips necessary to be reserved for the public convenience

Ordered that Mr Bancker & Mr Goerick be directed to make an exact Survey of the Water Lots from Corlaers Hook to White Hall

[104] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Thursday the 31st Day of July 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Marinus Willet<br>Peter Elting<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jeremh Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Jas Nicholson<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Winant Van Zandt<br>Cornes C Roosevelt<br>Geo. Janeway | Assists |

John Edwards—laborer
Valentine Tier— Do
William Hillyer. Do
} admitted & sworn freemen of this City.

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer from which it appears that the produce of the last Years Tax is expended & the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell find themselves in Difficulty to answer some Demands against them for Wood and other Necessaries, and as the next Tax cannot be collected until after the 14th of October next a supply of Money to answer those Demands must necessarily be obtained from some other Source: And it also appearing from the said Letter that the Money in the Treasury arising from the Revenue Fund will be wanted to defray the Expences of the Repairs making by order of this Board at the Goal, the Fly Market Slip. & other Places.

[105] It was ordered by the Board that the Treasurer with the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell be authorized to negociate a Loan at the Bank of as much Money as may from time to time be required to defray the Expences of the Alms House & Bridewell until the collection of the Tax to be raised for their support shall render it unnecessary, not to exceed in the whole the Sum of £700 and that the Monies which shall be so loaned, be repaid out of the first Monies which shall arise from the Tax to be collected for the support of the Alms House & Bridewell.

The Persons appointed to make an Estimate of the Expence of conforming to the late Regulation of paving Greenwich Street & the intermediate Slips, from Cortlandt to Barclay Streets, and a just and equitable Assessment thereof among the Owners or Occupants of all the Houses & Lots intended to be benefited thereby, returned to the Board a Certificate in writing of the said Estimate and Assessment; which was ratified by the Board And it was thereupon Ordered that Isaac Stoutenburgh Esqr be authorized to receive from the several

Owners or Occupants of the Houses & Lots named in the said Assessment the Sums at which the said Houses & Lots are respectively assessed.

[106] And ordered that John Stagg be appointed to superintend and direct the paving of the said Street agreable to the said Regulation.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for paving Partition Street

A Representation of the Sherif respecting the disagreable Situation of a part of the Goal Yard & the necessity of an additional Fence; was read & referred to the Committee appointed to direct the Repairs to the Goal, to take order thereon.

A Petition of Abraham Cannon praying a Grant of the Soil under Water in front of his Lots at Corlaers Hook; was read & referred to the Committee appointed at the last Meeting on that Subject.

Two Petitions the one in favor of & the other against the paving of Queens Street from the Fly Market to Burling Slip in manner similar to that part of the said Street between the Fly Market & Wall Street; were read & referred to Aldn Willet & Elting & Mr Nicholson.

Ordered that the Clause of the City Charter respecting the admission of Freemen be published.

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert Wool & Elting be a Committee to examine the Repairs necessary to the City Hall & report to the Board.

[107] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House of the said City on Monday the 4th Day of August 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | James Nicholson | Assistts |
| Jeremh Wool | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Marinus Willet | | Cornt C Roosevelt | |
| Peter Elting | | Winant Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | Joseph Peirson | |
| | | Geo: Janeway | |

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Elting & Mr Van Zandt be a Committee to examine and audit the Accts of the Receipts & Expenditures of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter.

Mr Mayor & the Members proceeded to visit & examine the State of the several Wards of the Alms House & Bridewell & being re-

turned The Committee appointed to examine the Commissioners Acctˢ reported the

Alms House Acct for the last Qr to be..... £738: 6:—
Bridewell do ..... 49: 2: 2¼

An Estimate of the Commissrs of Monies required for the Alms House the ensuing Qr amountg to £1000 was read & approved

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to issued pay the said Sum accordingly.

[108] Ordered that Aldn Wool & Messrs Janeway & Van Zandt be a Commitee to examine & report the Repairs necessary to the Gutters of the Alms House with an Estimate of the Expence

The Persons appointed to make an Estimate of the Expence of conforming to the late Regulation of the paving of Wall Street & William Street and a just and equitable Assessment thereof among the Owners or Occupants of all the Houses & Lots intended to be benefitted thereby; returned to the Board Certificates in writing of the said Estimates & Assessmts which were ratified by the Board

Thereupon ordered that Wm Maxwell be authorized to receive from the several Owners or Occupants of the Houses & Lots named in the Assessmt of Wall Street the Sums at which the said Houses & Lots are respectively assessed And that George Gosman be appointed to superintend and direct the paving of the said Street & That John Mowat be authorized to receive from the several Owners or Occupants of the Houses & Lots named in the said Assessmt of Wm Street the Sums at which the said Houses & Lots are respectively assessed And that the said John Mowat be appointed to superintend and direct the paving of the sd Street

The Clerk according to order presented the followg Ordinances which were read & passed vizt "A Law for the paving of Par[ti]tion Street."

[109] "A Law for the paving of front or first Street from the old Slip to the Fly Market Slip Water Street from Wall Street to the Fly Market & Kings Street from the Cellar Door of Henry Waddingtons Store to the East River."

The following Regulation of Partition Street was agreed to & ordered by the Bd vizt "From the West side of Broad Way to the Pump opposite the End of Church Street the Descent to be 2¼ Inches on 10 feet & from thence to the middle of Greenwich 3¾ Inches on 10 feet."

Ordered that the Overseers of the Wells & Pumps in the Out Wd

be requested to take under their Care & keep in Repair the two pumps in Delancey & first Streets

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the Out Ward direct the Surveyors to survey & make uniform the Lines of the range of the fronts on each side of the Bowery Lane.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay W$^{m}$ Sloo the Sum of £17 to be by him p$^{d}$ to the several Constables & Marshalls for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell from the 1$^{st}$ May to 1$^{st}$ Aug$^{t}$ Inst

issued

[110] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the s$^{d}$ City on Wednesday the 20$^{th}$ Day of Aug$^{t}$ 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

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| Peter Elting | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Winant Van Zandt | Assist$^{s}$ |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Nich$^{s}$ Bayard | | Ja$^{s}$ Nicholson | |
| Marin$^{s}$ Willet | | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder | |
| Jerem$^{h}$ Wool | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wylley | | Geo. Janeway | |

James Robinson—Carpenter
James Culbertson—Cordwainer
John Barber—Hair Dresser
Frederick Dickerman—Laborer
Barzilla Ransom— Do
Benjamin Lewis— Do
Abraham Shotwell— Do

} were severally admitted & sworn Freemen of this City

M$^{r}$ Mayor laid before the Board two Letters from the Treasurer, in one of which he informs that the Bridge at the landing place at Brooklin Ferry has received so much Injury by the late Storm as to require immediate Repair; And in the other that the Division Line between the Lands of this Corporation & of those of Comfort Sands late the property of John Rapalye at Brooklin, remains unsettled, that M$^{r}$ Sands is possessed of a Piece of the Corporation Land & unless measures be taken soon for the recovery of it they may be put to Difficulty in proving the original Boundary Line as it depends in a great Measure on the Testimony of M$^{r}$ Evouts who is far advanced in Years.

[111] Ordered that the said two Letters be referred to Ald$^{n}$ Elting & Willet & M$^{r}$ Winant Van Zandt—That with respect to the subject of the first Letter they be authorized to take Order And that as to

the other of the said Letters they make enquiry into the Subject with an Eye to a former Treaty had with Mr Sands by a Committee of this Board & Mr Sands's Proposals as reported to the Board by the said Committee on the 22d June 1785 and that they report the Result of their Enquiry with their Opinion thereon to this Board.

A Letter from Mr Cornelius Ray informing the Board that by the Decease of his Uncle Robert Ray Esqr one of the Loan Officers for this City & County a Vacancy in that Office hath taken place; And requesting to be appointed to that Office

Whereupon the Board proceeded to elect a Loan Officer for this City & County in the stead of Robert Ray Esqr deceased & Cornelius Ray Esqr was duly elected

Thereupon resolved that Cornelius Ray Esquire is duly elected to the Office of one of the Loan Officers of this City & County of New York in the place of Robert Ray Esqr deceased

A Petition of Thomas Brown praying the Use of some vacant Lots in front of his Ground at the North River was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the West Ward.

[112] A Petition of Jacob Brower to be appointed an Inspector of Wood was read & it was ordered that he [be] appointed to the first vacancy

A Petition of the Inhabitants of King George Street praying that the said Street may be dug out & regulated to Queens Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of Montgomerie Ward.

A Petition of some of the Inhabitants of Johns Street praying a new Regulation of the said Street & a Petition of other of the Inhabitants of the said Street against the granting of the prayer of the said Petition was read & referred to the Committee on William Street.

A Petition of Wm Grinding praying an allowance for repairing the Injury done to the House at Moores Wharf by the late Storm; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the South Ward.

Many of the public Wharfs in this City having been much damaged by the late Storm Ordered that the Aldn & Assistts of the respective Wards examine the State of the public Wharfs in their Wards & report the Repairs necessary with an Estimate of the Expence.

The Committee appointed to report the Repairs necessary to the Gutters of the Alms House made a Report Whereupon it was Ordered that the said Committee direct the said Repairs accordingly.

[113] Aldn Gilbert from the Committee appointed to examine the State of the City Hall reported that in the Opinion of the Committee the Copper covering is become so much Injured & so leaky as that it

will [be] necessary to take it off & cover the Roof with cedar Shingles. Ordered that the Clerk with the assistance of the said Committee publish an Advertizement that this Board will receive proposals for covering the said Roof with cedar Shingles.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for compleating the paving of Cortlandt Street.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert & Mess$^{rs}$ Winant Van Zandt & Nicholson be a Committee of this Board to meet a Committee of the Corporation of the protestant Episcopal Church in this City, on the Subject of the Triangular piece of Ground at the junction of the post & Blooming Dale Roads.

It being represented to the Board that an old Building, lately belonging to M$^{r}$ Peter Mesier, which by the late Regulation of Greenwich Street, now stands in & greatly obstructs that Street.

Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to dispose of the Materials of the said Building to the best advantage; the Purchasor to remove them without delay.

Ald$^{n}$ Bayard according to order presented to the Board a Survey, lately made of the Bowery Lane; which was approved by the Board & ordered to be filed.

[114] The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition from the Inhabitants of Burlings Slip and a Petition from William Malcom Report that the Nuisance complained of in the Burlings Slip Petition is a great Evil & in order to remedy which it will be necessary that the Proprietors of the Lott on the East side of said Slip be compelled to build a Dock as far out as the Dock on the West side of the said Slip —It is the Opinion of the Committee that effectual Measures be taken to have Docks built out on the East side of the said Burlings Slip & on the West side of Beekmans Slip as speedily as possible as well for the purpose of accomodating Vessels in those Parts as for collecting the Revenue which by the Conditions of the Grants in those places are the Right of this Corporation.

M: Willet
Tobias Van Zandt
James Nicholson"

Ordered that the Clerk notify the several Proprietors of Water Lots, who have not hitherto complied with the Conditions of their Grants that this Board will proceed against them accordingly

[115] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to advance to the follows Persons the follows Sums vizt

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|---|---|---|
| issued | James Monell on Acct towards filling up the White Hall Slip | £35:—:— |
| issued | Solomon Smith on Acct towards the Common Sewer at Fly Market Slip | £40:—:— |
| issued | Tobias Van Zandt on Acct towards Repairs to the Goal. | £100:—:— |
| issued | George Janeway on Acct towards Repairs to the Alms House | £12:—:— |

Ordered the like to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts vizt

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| issued | Wm Elbertson for collecting the Timber carried away from the Corporation Wharf at the North River by the late Storm | £0:17:— |
| issued | Elias Burger for erecting Bulkheads across Cortlandt & Ellis's Slips | £65:—:— |
| issued | Genl Wm Malcom for Materials on Repairs to the Goal, for a Boat load of Stone for Pecks Slip Wharf & for a Musket & Artillery Horses during the late Riot | £7: 5:— |
| issued | Isaac Brower & Peter Van Bomell for filling up Vesey Slip on Contract | £39:—:— |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for cleans & lighting public Lamps from 26th May to 26th July 2 Months | £63: 9: 4 |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for his Service as Door Keeper & Messenger & Extra Service from 15th May to 16th Augt being 1 Quarter | £10:—:— |
| issued | Wm Sloo, Keeper of the Bridewell to be by him paid to the several Constables & Marshalls for conveyg Vagrants to Bridewell from the 1st May to the 1st Augt last | £17:—:— |

[116] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 27th Day of August 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Marinus Willet<br>Peter Elting<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Cornt C Roosevelt<br>James Nicholson<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Winant Van Zandt<br>Geo. Janeway | Assists |

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| Cornelius Meyer Junr | laborer | were severally admitted & sworn free Men of this City |
| John De Pue— | do | |
| Edward Grant— | do | |
| Thomas Lafoy—Hatter | | |

Ordered that Mr Dodge Keeper of the Alms House make a Return to this Board of the Names of such Persons in the Alms House

who are not entitled to remain there with an Acct of the places of their proper Residence or from whence they last came

A Petition of Adolph Waldron praying a Grant of the Soil under Water, in the East River, between the Wharf of the Ferry & the Land of Comfort Sands was read & referred to Aldn Elting & Willet & Mr W: Van Zandt

A Petition from several Proprietors of Lots fronting Slips at the North River praying that the Expence of paving the Streets in front of those Slips may be borne by the public was read & referred to Aldn Gilbert & Messrs Van Gelder & Janeway.

On the Request of the Neighborhood, signified to the Board by Mr Nicholson

[117] Ordered that Permission be given to fill up the Well at the Junction of John & William Streets & to sink another (the whole to be at the Expence of the Neighborhood) in such place as the Aldn & Assistt of the East Ward shall direct

Aldn Gilbert informed the Board that the Expence of making the necessary Repairs to the Corporation Wharf at the North River will on an Estimate made amount to about £35.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Ward contract for the repairing of the said Wharf provided the same do not exceed that Sum.

The Clerk according to order presented an Ordinance "for compleating the paving of Cortlandt Street" which was passed.

A Petition of Peter Cole praying a Lease of a surplus piece of Ground which remains after the Proprietors of Leislers Patent have got their respective Quantities described in the Map of the said Patent; was read & referred to the Treasurer to report on.

Ordered that Messrs Tobias Van Zandt & Janeway be appointed to provide the necessary Materials for new Roofing the City Hall & that they superintend & direct the Work

The following Report was read & approved of by the Board. vizt

"Your Committee to whom it was referred to examine what Damage had been done to the Wharfs in the Dock Ward Report that your Committee in viewing said Wharfs found them greatly damaged and in particular the Conveniencies for fastening Vessels [118] nearly all destroyed and taken off by the Storms; insomuch that your Committee found it highly necessary immediately to imploy a Dockbuilder to make the necessary Repairs not to exceed thirty Pounds.

Peter Elting
Wynt Van Zandt."

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Out Ward do examine the State & Circumstances of a Well in Delancey Street

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to advance to Elias Burger Junr the Sum of £60 on Acct towards Repairs to the Fly Markt Slip

issued And to Evert Bancker Junr the Sum of £20 on Acct towards his Services for Surveying.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Acctss vizt

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| issued | James McCullen for Coopers Work at the Goal..... | £5: 2:— |
| issued | John Gilbert for the cartage of Powder from the Old to to the new Magazine..... | £4: 4:— |
| issued | Henry Lines & Henry Crum for filling the Slip at Cortlandt Street ..... | £25:15:— |
| issued | James Gibson for carting Sand into a vacant Lot at the Bear Market ..... | £1:15: 3 |
| issued | David DeMarest for the like..... | £3:—:— |

[119] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 10th Day of Septr 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | } Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | } Assistts |
| Nichs Bayard | | James Nicholson | |
| Peter Elting | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | Cornes C Roosevelt | |
| Marinus Willet | | George Janeway | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Joseph Pierson | |

Garret Bartholph, laborer.
John McLean— do
Joseph Bailey— Do
Philip Cochran, Grocer.
} were admitted & sworn free Men of this City

A Letter from the Treasurer on the Subject of a certain ballance of Quit Rent due on a Water Lot of Messrs Isaac Roosevelt & Abm P Lot; which Mr Lot alledges he had settled & paid previous to the late War; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the East Ward.

A Petition of John Delancey in behalf of himself and others Proprietors of Water Lots between the White Hall Slip & Moore's Wharf, praying a further Grant into the River; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistant of the South Ward & the Aldn of the Dock Ward.

The Committee on the Petition of Christopher Fiegenham praying a Lease of 42 Years instead of 21 Years of the lot late Mrs Douglas's

the Improvements of which he purchased on the expiration of her Lease; reported that the prayer of the said Petition be not granted which was agreed to by the Board.

[120] The Committee appointed to examine the Repairs necessary to the landing place at Brooklin Ferry reported that the Expence by estimation of Mr Elias Burger would amount to £200.

Thereupon it was Ordered that the same Committee contract with Mr Burger or any other person who will do it more reasonable for making the said Repairs; the same not to exceed that Sum.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Proprietors of Lots fronting Slips at the North River, read at the last Meeting, Report that notwithstanding the Principle (in the Opinion of the Committee) is a bad one; Yet the Board having adopted it & actually paid for the paving of all the Slips along the East River to a very large amount, are of Opinion that the prayer of the said Petition ought to be granted and that such Proportion as has been the practice in similar Cases, be paved at the Expence of this Corporation.

Wm W Gilbert
Abm Van Gelder."

Ordered that the same Committee do ascertain the proportion to be paved at the Corporation expence.

Ordered that the Ald[n] & Assist. of the South Ward contract for the repairing of the Wharf at the White Hall Slip; not to exceed £9 And also that they direct the White Hall Stairs & the Sewer at the [121] Exchange to be repaired not to exceed £3.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"Your Committee who were directed to examine and report the State and Circumstances of a Well in Delancey Street in the Out Ward. Report that they have viewed the Place where the Well had been sunk and find it entirely caved in so much that it will be absolutely necessary to sink a new one But that it is their Opinion, that the Neighbourhood are not entitled to the usual Allowance made by the Corporation before the Well is compleated; and are further of Opinion that no part of the Tax raised for the Repairs of the Wells & Pumps can with any degree of Justice or Propriety be appropriated in keeping the said Well in repair, it being without the Line. As those without are exempt by an Act of the Legislature from paying any proportion of the said Tax.

Sep[t] 9th 1788.

Nicholas Bayard
Corns C Roosevelt"

A Petition of Theophilus Anthony relative to a ballance due from him to this Corporation for Quit Rent with his Acct against the Corporation; was read & referred to the Treasurer to report on.

The Treasurer delivered in a Report on the petition of Peter Cole relative to a vacant Lot of Leislers patent was read & postponed.

[122] A Petition of the Inhabitants in Queens Street praying permission to fill up the Well near the House of Isaac Sears deceased & to sink another (at the expence of the Neighborhood) in a more convenient Place in the Vicinity; was read & granted.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Ward or either of them fix on the Place for sinking the new Well.

Ordered that James Robinson be appointed a fire Man to Engine No 9 vice Moses Egbert resigned.

The Persons appointed to make an Estimate of the expence of conforming to the late Ordinance for compleating the paving of Cortlandt Street and a just and equitable Assessment thereof among the Owners or Occupants of all the Houses and Lots intended to be benefitted thereby returned to the Board Certificates in Writing of the said Estimate & Assessment; which was ratified by the Board.

Thereupon ordered that George Gosman be appointed & authorized to receive from the several Owners or Occupants of the Houses & Lots named in the said Assessment the Sums at which they are respectively assessed, & to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street.

Proposals of several Persons for the labor & workmanship of new covering the City Hall were examined by the Board & James Robinsons being considered the lowest & most reasonable vizt £35 [123] was accepted by the Board.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to superintend the Repairs to the City Hall cause the Ground about the Privy to be put in decent order

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to advance to Messrs Van Zandt & Janeway the Sum of £100 on Acct towards purchasing Materials for repairing the City Hall.

And to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Accts

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| issued | Isaac Stoutenburgh Esqr for the Corporations proportion of paving Greenwich Street..... | £105:11: 7 |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for Repairs to the fire Engines & for his Salary as superintendant of them from the 5th Augt 1787 to the 5th Augt last..... | £78: 9: 1 |

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| issued | John Clendennon for Repairs to the Albany Pier & a Boat load of Stone..... | £27:15:— |
| issued | Joseph Beck for sweeping Chimnies at the City Hall Goal & Bridewell..... | £2:—:— |
| issued | Matthias Nack for carting Dirt to the Albany Pier.... | £2: 5:— |

[124] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 17th Day of Septr 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Nichs Bayard<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Peter Elting<br>Jeremh Wool<br>John Wylley<br>Marinus Willet | Esqrs Alda | James Nicholson<br>Cornl C Roosevelt<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Tobias Van Zandt | Assistts |

Amos Laforgue. Laborer was admitted & sworn a free Man of this City

The Board proceeded, purst to the Statute, to nominate & appoint Persons to preside at & be the Inspectors & returning Officers of the ensuing Election for the several Officers to be elected by virtue of the Charter of this City And also to fix on the Place in each Ward at which the said Election is to be held & the following Persons were duly nominated & appointed for their respective Wards & the following Places in the respective Wards were fixed on vizt

| Wards | Inspectors | Places |
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| South Ward | William Cock | Exchange |
| Dock Ward | Peter McKie | Brinckerhoffs Corner |
| East Ward | Jacob Abramse | Coffee House |
| West Ward | Nicholas Bogert | Oswego Market |
| North Ward | White Matlack | City Hall |
| Montgie Ward | Wm De Peyster | Pecks Slip Markt |
| Out Ward | Nichs De Peyster | Bulls Hd Tavern |

[125] Resolved that in future no part of the Expence of paving the Street in front of any public Slip in this City ought to be borne by the public; but that the same ought to be at the Expence of the Proprietors of the Lotts fronting the said Slips.

Mr Mayor laid before the Board the Act of Congress, for appointing the Time & Place for the Meeting of the Genl Government of the United States under the New Constitution, whereby it appears that this City is appointed for that purpose.

Thereupon resolved that the whole of the City Hall of this City

be appropriated for the accommodating of the General Government of the United States and that this Board will provide Means for defraying the Expence of putting the same in proper Order & Repair

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert & Willet & M$^{r}$ Janeway be a Committee to consult the Delegates of this State in Congress and such other Gentlemen as they may think proper on the Subject; and to report what Alterations & Repairs are necessary to the City Hall for the accommodation of the General Gov$^{t}$ as aforesaid And that the same Committee be directed to examine the Exchange & report what Repairs it will require to render it convenient for the accommodation of the Courts of Justice & Meetings of the Corporation of this City.

A Petition of Ann M$^{c}$Adam complaining of the manner of regulating & paving the Broad Way [126] as it respects her House & Lot was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert Elting & Wylley & Mess$^{rs}$ Roosevelt & Janeway.

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of the West and South Wards be a Committee to view and direct the Surveyors with respect to some Difficulties which have arisen in the paving of the Broadway

The Committee on the Treasurers Letter relative to a Ballance of Quit Rent due from Mess$^{rs}$ Ab$^{m}$ P Lott & Isaac Roosevelt reported that they had enquired into the Subject and are satisfied that the ballance in dispute hath been paid to the late Treasurer & therefore that the present Treasurer credit their acc$^{t}$ accordingly which was agreed to by the Board.

Resolved that the Proprietor or Proprietors of the Soil adjoining the East side of Burlings Slip be informed that unless the said East side of the said Slip be properly wharfed out & made, agreable to the Conditions & Covenants contained in the Grant from the Corporation of the said Soil, by the first Day of December next, this Board will take such Measures in the Premisses as the said Conditions & Covenants & the Law of this State will justify & support.

Ordered that the Clerk serve M$^{r}$ John Riker or either of the proprietors of the said Soil with a Copy of the aforegoing Resolution.

[127] A Petition of Peter P Van Zandt praying the Priviledge, on the conditions therein mentioned, of running out a Pier on the West side of Burlings Slip; And a Petition of John Byvanck & others praying that the said Slip may be filled up & Front Street continued across it; were respectively read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Willet & Bayard & Mess$^{rs}$ Nicholson Roosevelt & Janeway.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Frankfort & Van De Water

Streets was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist[s] of Montgomerie & the North Wards.

A Petition of Peter Clopper & others Proprietors of Houses in Queen Street & Maiden Lane in the Vicinity of the Fly Market praying that Measures be taken by the Board for keeping clear the common Sewer leading into the East River; was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist of the East Ward

A Petition of the Inhabitants of William Street from John Street to Fair Street praying an Ordinance for paving the said Street in like Manner as the lower part of the said Street towards Maiden Lane hath lately been paved; was read.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

The Committee on the Petition of Lambert Moore reported That the prayer of the said Petition ought not to be granted as the House doth not stand within the Limits of the [128] Petitioner But the Committee are also of Opinion that the House ought to be removed after the Expiration of the present Lease.

Jerem[h] Wool
Peter Elting"

Ordered that the Clerk serve M[r] Moore with a Copy of the said Report

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"Your Committee to whom was referred a Report of a former Committee of the 22[d] June 1785 respecting a Disputed Boundary with M[r] Sands at Brooklin. Report. That your Committee accompanied by M[r] Sands viewed the Premisses in Question and find the Situation thereof nearly to correspond with the aforementioned Report and M[r] Sands willing for an amicable Settlement. Your Committee then proceeded with M[r] Sands to find a Line for the most equitable and permanent Boundary between M[r] Sands and the Corporation which they propose as follows.

To begin three feet three Inches from the westerly side of M[r] Sands dwelling House and from thence to run a northerly course to the easterly side of the highest Rock laying in that Direction near low Waters Mark in the East River M[r] Sands immediately to move his fence to the proposed Boundary—And [129] that a Grant he made to M[r] Sands for the Soil from high to low Water Mark from the Bounds of the Ferry House Lot in front of M[r] Sands Lands to his Powder House Dock twenty four Chains and Ninety Links along the East River, M[r] Sands paying therefor an annual Rent of three Pounds two Shillings & ten pence. That a Street of forty feet

wide be laid along the East River beginning Sixty feet below the Ferry House near the Ferry Stairs and to continue in one strait Direction to Mr Sands Powder House And as this Street will take up great part of the Ground on which the Ferry House Barn stands, the Barn is not to be removed until convenient to the Corporation; which your Committee submits to the Board.

Peter Elting
M: Willet"

Ordered that John Housman be appointed to make the Estimate & Assessment of the Expence of paving Partition Street in the stead of James Alner who is not a freeholder

The Clerk produced an Ordinance for the paving of William Street from John Street to Fair Street. which was passed.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasury to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts

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| issued | Anthony Post for Carpenters Work & Materials on Repairs to the City Hall..... | £23:10: 8½ |
| issued | Solomon Smith in full for building the Common Sewer at the Fly Market Slip..... | £60:—:— |
| issued | [130] David Willis for collects the Timber carried from White Hall Slip by the late Storm..... | £0:13:— |
| issued | Edwd Meeks for Iron Work to the Powder Magazine. | £0:18:— |
| issued | James Laing for Carpenters Work at the City Hall... | £1: 9: 3 |
| issued | Wm Campbell & Abm Riker for filling front Street below Fly Market..... | £90:—:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Wednesday the 24th Day of Septr 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Benja Blagge, Nichs Bayard, Wm W Gilbert, Peter Elting, John Wylley, Marinus Willet, Jeremh Wool } Esqrs Aldn

Geo. Janeway, Jas Nicholson, Abm Van Gelder, Winant Van Zandt, Tobias Van Zandt, Corns C Roosevelt } Esqrs Aldn

Samuel Gautier—Taylor
John Johnson—Marriner
Thomas P. Van Nostrandt. Blockmaker
Joseph Trow, laborer
Robert McCullen. Cooper— } were severally admitted & sworn Free Men of this City.

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert Elting & Willet & Messrs W: Van Zandt & Nicholson be a Committee to audit the Treasurers Books & Accts & report the same to the Board.

A Petition of Thomas Kennedy late Collector of Taxes; was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Bayard, Wool & Wylley & Mess$^{rs}$ Van Gelder & Janeway.

[131] The Persons appointed to make Estimates of the Expence of conforming to the Ordinances for paving Water Street from the Wall Street to the Fly Market, and for the paving of Partition Street and just and equitable Assessments thereof among the Owners or Occupants of all the Houses & Lots intended to be benefitted thereby returned Certificates in writing of the said Estimates & Assessments which were ratified by the Board.

Thereupon ordered that Daniel Phœnix be authorized to receive from the several Persons named in the Assessment of Water Street the Sums of Money at which they are respectively assessed and also to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street And that Isaac Van Vleck be authorized to receive from the several Persons named in the Assessment of Partition Street the Sums of Money at which they are respectively assessed and that John Stagg be appointed to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street

issued to Francis Post Nov$^{r}$ 13$^{th}$ 1788

On reading a Petition of the Inhabitants of Dye Street Ordered that the usual Allowance of £10 be granted towards a Pump in a Well to be sunk at the Expence of the Neighborhood in such place as the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the Ward shall direct & that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay the said Sum accordingly

Ordered that the Neighborhood be permitted at their own Expence to fill up the Well at the junction of Smith & Kings Streets & to sink another in such place as the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the East & North Wards shall direct

[132] A Petition of Dan$^{l}$ Hawxhurst to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read and postponed.

A Petition of Benj$^{a}$ North complaining of a vacant & sunken Lot in Roosevelts Street & praying the Board to take the legal Measures for removing the Nuisance occasioned by the said Lots not being filled up; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of Montgomerie & the Out Ward.

A proposal of Amos Corning & Eben$^{r}$ Mather to remove the Hulk at the Albany Pier; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{ts}$ of the South & Dock W$^{ds}$

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of Montg$^{y}$ & the Out Wards be a Com$^{tee}$ to view the State of Ferry Street & report what in their Opinion

may be necessary to remove the Sand which lodges in the said Street by reason of the great Rains.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist: of the West & North Wards be a Committee to view the Bridge at the Corporation Wharf North River & to direct the best Mode of Repairing it

And that the same Committee view the Situation of the Hay Scale at the Bear Market & report whether it can be placed more conveniently in that Neighborhood.

[133] The Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Frankfort, Van De Water, Jacob, Gold & King George Streets; reported that the said Streets ought to be paved agreable to the prayer of the said Petitions.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Ordinances for the paving of the said Street accordingly

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to
issued advance Elias Burger Junr the Sum of £100 on Acct towards building the Wharf in Fly Market Slip.

Ordered the like to pay Jonathan Douglass the Sum of
issued £3:3:6d for Repairs to the Ferry Stairs below the Exchange.

the like to pay James Monnell the Sum of £27 in full for
issued filling in White Hall Slip.

the like to pay William Parsell the Sum of £1:13/ for Re-
issued pairs to the Corporation Wharf

& the like to pay Jesse Burtin the Sum of £9:—:— for re-
issued pairing the Wharf at White Hall Slip.

[134] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall of the said City on Monday Septr 29th 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benja Blagge | | Winant Van Zandt | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Marinus Willet | Esqrs Alda | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistts |
| Peter Elting | | Geo. Janeway | |
| John Wylley | | Ja Nicholson | |

This being the Day appointed for the Election of the several Charter Officers & for the appointment of a Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City for the ensuing Year, the Bd proceeded to the appointment of a Treasurer or Chamberlain and Daniel Phœnix Esqr was appointed accordingly.

Thereupon Resolved that Daniel Phœnix Esq$^{r}$ be & he is hereby declared duly appointed Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City for the ensuing Year.

M$^{r}$ Mayor signified to the Board that he had appointed James Burras High Constable of this City for the ensuing Year.

[135] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 30$^{th}$ Day of September 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

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| Benj$^{a}$ Blagge | | Winant Van Zandt |
| Jerem$^{h}$ Wool | | Joseph Pierson |
| Peter Elting | Esq$^{rs}$ Aldermen | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder — Assist$^{ts}$ |
| John Wylley | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Marin$^{s}$ Willet | | Geo: Janeway |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | |

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

"Your Committee appointed on the 17$^{th}$ Inst to consult the Delegates of this State in Congress and such other Gentlemen as they might think proper & to report what Alterations & Repairs are necessary to the City Hall for the accommodation of the Gen$^{l}$ Government Do report that they have consulted the said Delegates and other Gentlemen on the Subject and that they had procured a Plan (executed by Major L'Enfant) of the Additions Alterations and Repairs necessary to the City Hall which in their Opinion is well calculated to answer the purpose & which they do recommend to be adopted by the Board.

Sept$^{r}$ 30$^{th}$ 1788

W$^{m}$ W Gilbert
M: Willet
Geo: Janeway."

[136] And it being represented to this Board that a number of the Citizens had by voluntary Subscriptions engaged to advance the Monies necessary for the said Buildings & Repairs in expectation of being reimbursed by a Grant from the Legislature or a Tax on the Citizens and that they had nominated five Commissioners viz$^{t}$ Robert Watts—Alexander M$^{c}$Comb, Major L'Enfant James Nicholson & William Maxwell to purchase the Materials & superintend the said Business.

Resolved that this Board approve of the said Proceedings: So that no Charge be made on this Corporation for any part of the Expence.

The Clerk laid before the Board the Poll Lists taken at the Elections yesterday in the Several Wards of Charter Officers for the ensu-

ing Year; from which the following Persons appear to be duly elected viz[t]

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| South Ward | Jeremiah Wool | Alderman |
| | Joseph Pierson | Assistant |
| | John Lewis, Joseph George | Assessors |
| | Aert Huysman | Collector |
| | James Reade, John Jabine | Constables |
| Dock Ward | Peter Elting | Alderman |
| | Winant Van Zandt | Assistant |
| | John Oothout, Conradt W Ham | Assessors |
| | William Gilbert | Collector |
| | Samuel Stockwell, John Wessels | Constables |
| [137] East Ward | John Laurance | Alderman |
| | James Nicholson | Assistant |
| | William Denning, Daniel McCormick | Assessors |
| | James Van Brackel | Collector |
| | John Harrison, Barnt Newkerk | Constables |
| West Ward | William W Gilbert | Alderman |
| | Abraham Van Gelder | Assistant |
| | William G Forbes, Simon Van Antwerp | Assessors |
| | Thomas Lafoy | Collector |
| | John Rains, Robert Berwick | Constables |
| North Ward | John Wylley | Alderman |
| | George Janeway | Assistant |
| | Gerardus Duyckinck, William Van De Water | Assessors |
| | John Mildenbergh | Collector |
| | Peter Hoyer, Henry Burtsall | Constables |
| Montgomerie Ward | Benjamin Blagge | Alderman |
| | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistant |
| | William Laight, James Watson | Assessors |
| | Christian Will | Collector |
| | Thomas White, John Fleming | Constables |

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| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | Alderman | |
| | John Quackenboss | Assistant | |
| | John Leake, Peter Stuyvezandt | Assessors | Bowery Division |
| | Richard Furman | Collector | Bowery Division |
| | Lewis A Gautier, John Dietz | Constables | Bowery Division |
| | William Nagel, Samuel Benson | Assessors | Harlem Division |
| | John Bussing | Collector | Harlem Division |
| | Jacob Moor, Thomas Bradie | Constables | Harlem Division |

[138] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 7th Day of October 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert, Peter Elting, Jeremh Wool, John Wylley | Esqrs Aldermen | George Janeway, Winant Van Zandt, Joseph Pierson, Abm Van Gelder | Assistts |

Pursuant to the Directions of the Statute entitled "An Act for emitting the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of credit for the Purposes therein mentioned" passed the 18th April 1786. Evert Bancker & Cornelius Ray Esqrs Loan Officers of the City & County of New York laid before this Board the Books of Mortgages, Minutes and Accounts by them taken and kept as Loan Officers as aforesaid And this Board having carefully inspected and examined the said Mortgages Minutes & Accounts Do find that the said Loan Officers have lent out upon Interest at five per Centum per Annum the Sum of thirty two thousand Pounds on sundry Mortgages by them produced and this Board are of Opinion that the said Sum of thirty two thousand Pounds is let out & well secured by Mortgage on Lands & Tenements: That the said Loan Officers have paid into the [139] Treasury of this State the Sum of One thouusand five hundred & twenty Pounds; which Sum together with eighty Pounds by them retained in their hands for their Salary, amounts to One thousand Six hundred Pounds the full Interest of the said Sum of thirty two thousand Pounds to the third Tuesday in June 1788 And further that it appears to this Board that the said Loan Officers have faithfully discharged the Trust in them reposed and performed their Duty in manner as by the said Law is directed & required.

The following Report was read & approved vizt

"We the Subscribers (being the Major part of the Committee) "appointed to examine the Books & Accounts of the City Treasurer "Do report that we have examined the Books in which are kept the "Account of Cash received for Taxes That there has been paid in "by the Collectors of the different Wards the Sum of £10109:11:4½ "being the neat Amount of the Tax after deducting Commissions & Insolvents and adding the Monies raised for Taxes dificient & in arrear and that agreable to the Warrants issued by the Common Council there has been paid out £10109:1:8 which leaves a Ballance of nine shillings & eight Pence ½ in the hands of the City Treasurer on the Tax granted the 26th March 1787 for the maintenance of the Poor & the other Expences of the City & County of New York. And We do [140] further Report that there has been received since the 25th September last the Sum of £5632:0:7 & paid out, as appears from the Warrants of the Common Council, £5520:14:7¼ which leaves a Ballance of £81:5:11¾* Cash in the hands of the Treasurer on the Account of the City Revenues—That from a State of the Books there appears to be due to the City of New York a Ballance of £2841:8:1 & to the Poor House £12:13:0½ & that there is outstanding the amount of £2772:15:1¾ Debts & Cash in the Treasurers hands £81:5:11¾.

October 7th 1788

Wm W Gilbert
Peter Elting
Wynant Van Zandt."

A State of the Accts as stated in the said Report was also delivered in by the said Committee and ordered to be filed.

Aldn Gilbert from the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Exchange & report what Repairs it would require for the accommodation of the Courts of Justice reported verbally on the Subject And thereupon it was Ordered that the same Committee direct the Repairs necessary to be made in the most œconomical & expeditious manner.

On reading a Petition of the Inhabitants of the upper end of Cortlandt Street

Ordered that they be permitted to sink a Well in such part of the said Street as the Aldn & Assistant of the West Ward shall direct—that this Board do grant the sum of £10 the usual Allowance towards a Pump in the said Well & that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the said Sum accordingly.

issued to Wm J Elsworth

* This computation appears to be wrong.—Ed.

[141] Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert reported that himself & his Assist$^{t}$ had viewed the Hay Scale at the end of the Bear Market and that in their Opinion it is improperly situated & greatly obstructs the Street & ought to be removed into the Passage leading behind the Bear Market.

Ordered that the said Hay Scale be removed accordingly.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Elting provide a Room in the Vicinity of the City Hall for the accommodation of the City Watch until the Repairs making to the City Hall are compleated.

Ald$^{n}$ Elting & Mess$^{rs}$ Nicholson & W. Van Zandt Auditors of Acc$^{ts}$ reported to the Board that they had examined the Acc$^{t}$ of M$^{r}$ John Bingham the Corporation Wharfinger from which it appears that he had received for the use of the Corporation & paid into the Treasury (after deducting his Commission for collecting) from the 25$^{th}$ Sept$^{r}$ 1787 to the 25$^{th}$ Sept$^{r}$ 1788 the Sum of £869:9:10½.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay.

issued
- Joseph Strong as Clerk of the late Election in the South Ward the Sum of..... £0:16:–
- Corn$^{s}$ Fish for the like in the E$^{t}$ W$^{d}$..... 0:16:–
- James Elting for the like in the Dock W$^{d}$..... 0:16:–

[142] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 14$^{th}$ Day of October 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

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| Jerem$^{h}$ Wool | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Joseph Pierson |
| Peter Elting | | Winant Van Zandt |
| John Lawrance | | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder |
| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | | Geo. Janeway |
| John Wyllcy | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Benj$^{a}$ Blagge | | John Quackenboss |

Assist$^{ts}$

James Watson Merch$^{t}$ admitted & sworn a freeman of this City

This being the Day, appointed, by the Charter of Incorporation of this City, for quallifying the several Officers elected at the late Election held in the several Wards of this City.

M$^{r}$ Mayor (after informing the Board that as the Council of appointment had not been convened by Reason of his Excellency the Gov$^{rs}$ absence on a Treaty with the Indians, no new appointments had taken place in Offices of Mayor, Sherif or Coroner), caused to be administered to the several Aldermen & Assistants above named & to the following other Officers, the Oaths by Law & the Charter of Incorporation of this City, prescribed & directed. viz$^{t}$

Daniel Phœnix Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City, who pro-

duced his Bond with Sureties for the due execution of his Office which was approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed.

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| [143] John Lewis<br>Joseph George<br>Dan$^{l}$ McCormick<br>Will$^{m}$ Laight<br>W$^{m}$ Nagel | Assessors | John Oothout<br>Conrad W Ham<br>W$^{m}$ G Forbes<br>Simon Van Antwerp<br>Samuel Benson |
| Aert Huysman<br>W$^{m}$ Gilbert<br>John Mildenbergh<br>Rich$^{d}$ Furman | Collectors | James Van Brackel<br>Thomas Lafoy<br>Christian Will<br>John Bussing |

James Burras High Constable & the follow$^{g}$ Petty Constables.

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| James Read | John Harrison |
| John Jabine | Barn't Newkerk |
| Sam$^{l}$ Stockwell | John Rains |
| John Wessels | Robert Berwick |
| Peter Hoyer | Thomas White |
| Henry Burtsal | John Fleming |
| Lewis A Gautier | Jacob Moor |
| John Dietz | Thomas Bradié |

Gerardus Duyckinck & W$^{m}$ Van De Water Assessors for the North Ward & John Leake & Peter Stuyvezandt Assessors for the Bowery Division of the Out Ward having offered to the Board satisfactory Reasons to excuse them from serving in the said Offices they were severally excused from serving in the said Offices, and James Watson an Assessor for Montgomerie Ward attending signified to the Board his willingness to execute the said Office but that he was not a Freeman of this City or a Freeholder in the Ward.

Whereupon it was ordered that Elections be held in the said several Wards, at the usual places, on Tuesday the 4$^{th}$ of Nov$^{r}$ next of Assessors in the stead of the above mentioned Persons who are excused from serving.

issued Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to advance M$^{r}$ George Janeway the Sum of £100 on Acc$^{t}$ towards Repairs to the Exchange.

[144] A Petition of the Neighborhood of the Exchange praying permission to erect at their own Expence a Market House in the Street leading from the Exchange to the River; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist. of the South & Dock Wards & the Ald$^{n}$ of the East Ward.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 17th Octr 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benja Blagge<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Peter Elting<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Winant Van Zandt<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Joseph Pierson<br>John Quackenboss<br>Tobias Van Zandt | Assistts |

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Water Street praying an Ordinance for new paving the said Street from the Fly Market to Burlings Slip; was read & granted.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Vesey Street praying a Regulation of the said Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the West Ward.

A Petition of John Byvanck praying permission to erect a Store House on his Wharf on the Line of Front Street until the said Street shall be continued; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of Montg Ward.

[145] A Petition of Abm B Bancker praying paymt for a quantity of Pickets (which enclosed his Lot during the War while it was occupied by the British Troops) & which were taken for fewel for the Use of the Alms House; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistts of Montgomerie & the Out Wards.

The Committee on the Petition for erectg a Market House at the Exchange reported that in their Opinion the prayer ought to be granted; which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the same Committee direct the placing of the said Market.

On a Consideration of the Circumstances of a Well in Delancey Street in the Out Ward It was agreed that this Board would pay £10 to Mr Hammond on Condition that he cause a good Well to be sunk there & that the Man who undertook to repair the Old Well be compensated for his Labor therein.

A Petition of Jacob Brewerton praying a further Grant of the Water Lot in front of his Lot at Burlings Slip; was read & referred to the Committee on Peter P Van Zandts Petition.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of Montgomerie Ward cause the Sewer in Pecks Slip to be repaired & as many of the Inhabitants in Ferry Street are indigent that the said Aldn & Assist cause the sand

which lodges in the said Street to be removed & prevented from running into the Slip.

Ordered that John A Hardenbrook be appointed a fire Man to Engine N° 14 vice John Ritter resigned.

[146] A Report of the Treasurer on the Subject of the Bowling Green was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the West Ward.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Chatham Street praying that the said Street from S$^{t}$ James Street to Division Street may be regulated; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{ts}$ of the North & Out Wards.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay the follow$^{g}$ Persons the follow$^{g}$ Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ viz$^{t}$

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| issued | Sam$^{l}$ Loudon for printing &c$^{a}$ to the 23$^{d}$ Aug$^{t}$ last..... | £9:—:— |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey for his Service as Whipper from 27$^{th}$ June to 27$^{th}$ Sept$^{r}$ last..... | £6: 5:— |
| issued | Elting & Varick for so much by them p$^{d}$ to John Campbell for labor at the Albany Pier & Exchange Slip... | £0: 8:— |

[147] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesthe 22$^{d}$ Day of Oct$^{r}$ 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Benj$^{a}$ Blagge, W$^{m}$ W Gilbert, John Laurance, Peter Elting, Jerem$^{h}$ Wool, John Wylley } Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder, Joseph Pierson, John Quackenboss, Wynant Van Zandt, Ja$^{s}$ Nicholson } Assist$^{ts}$

M$^{r}$ James Nicholson Assistant for the East Ward (being absent on the 14$^{th}$ Inst) took the Oath of Office as prescribed by the Charter of this City.

A Petition of the Inhabitants at Corlaers Hook praying that the Roads leading from the City to that Neighborhood may be repaired was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Laurence & M$^{r}$ Quackenboss.

The Committee on the Petition of John Byvanck presented on the 17$^{th}$ Inst reported that the prayer ought not to be granted; which was agreed to by the Board

In consideration that some of the Members of the Committee on the Petitions of Peter P Van Zandt & Jacob Brewerton/ were gone out of Office & otherwise prevented from attending that Business, a new Committee was appointed to take into consideration & report on

the said Petitions viz$^{t}$ Ald$^{n}$ Elting & Bayard & Mess$^{rs}$ Nicholson Quackenboss & Janeway.

Ordered that it be requested of the Members of this Board who are Members of the Legislature to endeavor to obtain such Amendment to the [148] Law as that Vagrants & Disorerly persons committed to Bridewell may be adjudged to hard Labor as well without as within Doors as in the case of Petty Larceny Offenders.

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{ts}$ of the West & North Wards be a Committee to direct the Bridewell to be more effectually secured so as to prevent Escapes

And that two additional Watchmen be placed at the Bridewell.

And ordered that M$^{r}$ Janeway M$^{r}$ T Van Zandt & M$^{r}$ Pierson cause the Goal to be also well secured.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to issued pay Ebenezer Hazard Esq$^{r}$ the Sum of £5 to defray the Expences of removing an indigent Family to Philadelphia

[149] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Saturday Oct$^{r}$ 25$^{th}$ 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>John Laurance<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Peter Elting<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Jas Nicholson<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Joseph Pierson | Assistts |

The Persons appointed to make an Estimate of the Expence of conforming to the Ordinance for paving Water Street from the Fly Market to Burlings Slip and a just & equitable Assessment thereof among the Owners or Occupants of all the Houses & Lots intended to be benefitted thereby Returned Certificates in writing of the said Estimate & Assessment; which were read & ratified by the Board.

Thereupon ordered that John Stagg be authorized to receive from the several Persons named in the said Assessment the Sums of Money at which they are respectively assessed and that he superintend & direct the paving of the said Streets.

The Committee on the Petition of M$^{rs}$ M$^{c}$Adam reported verbally on the Subject and thereupon M$^{r}$ John Stagg together with Evert Bancker Jun$^{r}$ & Casimir T Gœrick City Surveyors [150] were appointed to survey that part of the Broadway which hath been lately

regulated & paved & to report to the Board such Plan (with an Estimate of the Expence) for the better regulation of the said Street as they may conceive most effectual for removing the Difficulties complained of

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday October 27th 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esquire Mayor
Richard Varick Esquire Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Jas Nicholson | Assists |
| Jeremh Wool | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wylley | | Wynant Van Zandt | |
| John Laurance | | John Quackenbos | |
| Peter Elting | | Geo. Janeway | |

The Commissioners appointed to survey that part of the Broadway which hath been lately regulated and paved, reported a Plan or Profile to the Board of the Broadway by which it appears that the distance from the Northeast side of the German Lutheran Church* to the Southerly Corner of Mrs McAdam's Lot is two hundred and fifty five feet, and the descent in the [151] whole 4 feet 11 Inches and an half, That the distance from Mrs McAdam, to the Pump opposite to Mr Macomb's House is one hundred and fifty one feet and the Asscent one foot four Inches.

Thereupon resolved that the Ground opposite the Pump at Mr Macombs Door be taken down Six Inches, and the Pump removed, And that the Pavement in Broadway be taken up, and the west side thereof be continued with a regular descent from the German Church past Mr Macomb's Door, and that the East side of the Broadway at the Head of Verlettenbergh Hill be raised twelve Inches and continued with a proper descent down the same.

That John Stagg be employed to take up and Repave the Broadway and Verlettinbergh Hill, and take up the Pump; and that this Board will pay him one hundred and twenty pounds for this Service, and furnish the Sand for the Purpose.

Mr Recorder pursuant to Notice, then moved that John McComb be removed from his Office.†

First. Because it is improper that any Man actually exercising the Trade of a Mason, employed in Building Houses for Individuals should be longer employed in regulating the Public Streets. and.

* Marginal note reads *Corner of Auchmuty or Rector Street.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *City Surveyor.*—Ed.

Secondly. That in divers Instances he has discovered a want of Capacity to execute that office.

The Consideration of this Business was postponed till the next Meeting of the Board.

A Survey for the Regulation of Vesey Street was approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed.

[152] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 3d Novr 1788

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Peter Elting<br>John Wylley<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Winant Van Zandt<br>Joseph Pierson<br>John Quackenbos<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Abm Van Gelder | Assists |

Ordered that Aldn Elting & Messrs Van Zandt & Quackenboss be a Committee to examine the Commissrs Accts of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter

. Effie Davis, being very sick was on the 29th Decr 1787 admitted into the Alms House & the next Day she died—She brought into the House with her certain Articles of Bedding together with the Sum of £46: 18/ in specie which was found in her Pocket after her decease. Mrs Catalyna Bogert in behalf of Effie Ryan (who resides with her) Grand Daughter of the said Effie Davis now applies to the Board for the delivery of the said Articles of Bedding & the said Money, to her for the Use of the said Effie Ryan

Whereupon it was Ordered that Mr Dodge the Keeper deliver to Mrs Bogert the said Articles of Bedding (retaining an appraized List of them) for the use of the said Effie Ryan And that he pay the said Sum in Specie (after deducting thereout the Sum of £6: 18: 4 for funeral Expences) into the [153] City Treasury until the further Order of the Board

Mr Mayor & the Members proceeded to visit & examine the several Wards in the House & being returned, Aldn Elting reported that they had examined the Commissrs Accts for the last Quarter amounting

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| the Alms House to..... | £653: 9: 9 |
| Bridewell to ..... | 280: 14: 0½ |

The Commissrs then delivered in an Estimate for the ensuing Quarter which was approved of by the Board vizt

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| for the | Alms House | £1000:—:— |
| | Bridewell | 100:—:— |
| | | £1100:—:— |
| issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the said Sums accordingly | |
| issued | Ordered the like to pay Wm Sloo Keeper of the Bridewell for his extraordinary Exertion & Services during the late fishing Season in taking Fish for supplying the Alms House & Bridewell | £20:—:— |
| issued | Ordered the like to advance Mr George Janeway for Sand for the pavement in the Broad Way | £20:—:— |
| issued | Ordered the like to pay Joseph Stringham towds a Pump in a Well sinking at the Corner of Eagle & Suffolk Streets in the Out Ward | £10:—:— |
| | Ordered the like to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts viz[t] | |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to the Roads | £67:17: 3 |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for fire Wood | 1: 4: 3 |
| issued | David R Bogert as Clerk of an Election | 0:16:— |

[154] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 19th Novr 1788.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

Jeremh Wool, John Lawrance, Peter Elting, Wm W Gilbert } Esqrs Alds
Abm Van Gelder, James Nicholson, Winant Van Zandt, Joseph Pierson, John Quackenboss } Assists

A Petition of John McComb, praying that he may [be] heard on the late Charges of Complaint exhibited agt him previous to a Determination on the Subject was read

Ordered that the Clerk furnish him wth a Copy of the Charges & that he have notice of the time when the Board go into the Consideration of the Subject

The Clerk produced to the Board a Bond to Ann McAdam for £194 with Interest @ 5 Pr Ct from 7th Novr 1786 & An Order on the Treasury in favor of Mary Shaw for £48:6:— with the like Interest from the same time in full for the Injury to their respective Lots by the alteration of Greenwich Street as reported by the Persons appointed to make an Estimate thereof & approved by the Board

issued Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation *by* [be] affixed to the said Bond & that Mr Mayor sign the same as also the said Order on behalf of this Board.

[155] Petitions from the Inhabitants in the lower part of the Out Ward & in Barclay Street praying that their respective Neighborhoods may be furnished with Lamps & a Petition for the regulation of Oliver Street were read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Wool & Mess$^{rs}$ Quackenboss Pierson Van Gelder & Janeway.

Whereas from a List of outstanding Debts produced by the Treasurer it appears that considerable Sums are due to this Corporation, and it being indispensably necessary that the same should be collected as soon as possible to defray the necessary and public Expences of this City, Ordered that public Notice be given to all Persons indebted to this Corporation that unless they make payment to the Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City without delay, their respective debts will be put into the hands of an Attorney to be prosecuted.

A Petition from several of the Inhabitants in Water Street praying that the South side of the said Street from Dover to S$^{t}$ James Slip may be on a strait Line; was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Elting & Mess$^{rs}$ Tobias Van Zandt & Quackenboss

A Petition of Thomas Kennedy a delinquent Collector confined in Goal; was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert & Elting & M$^{r}$ Nicholson.

A Petition of John King to be appointed a Measurer; was read & postponed.

Ald$^{n}$ Laurance from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants at Corlaers Hook relative to the bad State of the Roads leading thence reported that the Road Master should be directed to make such Repairs to the said Roads as will render them passable and convenient; which was agreed to by the Board.

[156] It being represented to the Board that the Stairs or landing Place on the West side of the Fly Market Slip is in such bad State that the Ferry Boats cannot land at it

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder be requested to enquire into the Conditions of the Grant whether the Proprietor of the Water Lot is not bound to make & uphold the s$^{d}$ Stairs & if so to compel him to it.

Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert delivered in the follow$^{g}$ Report which was read & agreed to by the B$^{d}$

Your Committee appointed to ascertain what proportion this Corporation ought to pay of the Expences that has accrued in paving Cortlandts Slip, Dye Slip & Vesey Slip—Report that we have enquired of Col$^{o}$ Isaac Stoutenburgh who was the Receiver of the Money for the Pavement of the said Slips what Cash had actually been laid out for the said Purpose and find that for Cortlandt Slip there has been expended the Sum of seventy nine Pounds fourteen Shillings and

eleven Pence—for Deys the Sum of forty three Pounds fifteen Shillgs & five Pence & for Veseys Slip ninety two Pounds eighteen Shillings & one penny, Amounting in the whole to two hundred & sixteen pounds eight Shillings & five Pence That the said Sum is expended for that part of the said Pavement which lays between the Kennels in said Slips & not for any part of the Walks; And are of Opinion that this Corporation ought to pay the one third part of said Expence which will amount to seventy two Pounds two Shillings & nine Pence being the same proportion that the Slips are wider than the Streets

[157] above And that an Order for the payment of the said
issued Sum be issued in favor of Colo Isaac Stoutenburgh to be by him applied for the Purpose aforesaid

Wm W Gilbert
Geo: Janeway
Abm Van Gelder"

On reading a Report of Aldn Laurance relative to the Common Sewer under the Fly Market

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the East Wd direct the said Sewer to be cleaned at the public Expence & that they in like manner direct such Alteration to the Grate of the Sewer at Burling's Slip as they may judge necessary

The following Ordinance was passed & ordered to be published vizt

A Law to prevent the going at large of Swine within this City.

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened and it is hereby ordained by the Authority of the same. That no Person or Persons shall after the first Day of February next permit his her or their Swine to go at large in any of the Streets or Highways of this City under the Penalty of Twenty shillings for each swine for every Offence.

And be it further ordained by the Authority aforesaid That if any Person or Persons do or shall Permit his her or their Swine to go at large contrary to this Law, it shall be lawful for any Person to take up such Swine and to make Complaint thereof to any Aldermen of the said City, who is hereby [158] Authorized and required to condemn such Swine for the use of the Person so complaining unless the owner or owners of such Swine shall immediately pay to the said Person for his or her own use the amount of such penalty as also the Amount of the Expence which shall have accrued in taking up and securing such Swine as aforesaid.

Ordered that Aldn Elting & Lawrance wth the assistance of Mr Recorder be a Committee to prepare & report a more effectual Law for keeping clean the Streets of this City.

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasury to advance Mr George Janeway on Acct the Sum of £100, towards Repairs to the Exchange & the Sum of £30 towards Sand for the pavemt in the Broadway

issued Ordered the like to advance John Stagg on Acct the Sum of £60 towards his contract for paving Broad Way.

Ordered the like to pay the followg Persons in full of their respective Accts the followg Sums

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| issued | Abm Russell & Cary Dunn Overseers of the public Wells & Pumps in the North Ward for Repairs to the said Wells & Pumps | £45:16: 0¼ |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth & Anthony Posts Overseers as above in the West Ward for the like | £35: 5: 2 |
| issued | Andrew Hammersly Jno Burger & Henry Will Overseers as above in the East Ward for the like | £4: 3:— |
| issued | Elias Burger Junr for Repairs to the Corporation Wharf North River | £88:17: 9 |
| issued | Isaac Stoutenburgh for bulkheading Cortlandt, Dey & Veseys Slips | £11: 5:— |
| issued | Wm Sloo to be by him paid to the several Constables & Marshalls: for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell from 1st Augt to 1st Novr Inst | £27:—:— |
| issued | [159] Richard Varick Esqr Recorder in full of his Acct agt the Corporation | £14: 1: 3 |
| issued | Peter Elting Esqr for erecting a Wharf & Repairs to the Bridge at Brooklin Ferry | £190:—:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats, Door keeper & Messenger to the Corporation for his Salary & extra Services from the 15th Augt to 15th Novr Inst | £10:10:— |
| issued | Gerrit Abeel for his Services as Clerk to the two late Elections in Montgomerie Ward | £1:12:— |
| issued | Francis Childs for the like in the No Ward | £1:12:— |
| issued | George Gosman for removing Pitts Statue | £5: 7: 3 |
| issued | Danl Phœnix for cleang the Wall Street Sewer | £7:11: 1 |
| issued | Joseph Beck for sweepg Chimnies | £2:12: 6 |
| issued | Henry Shute for Repairg Roads | £155:13: 6½ |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for 1 Years Salary & his Acct for attendg the Lamps | £92:10: 9 |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lightg & cleang the public Lamps from 26th Augt to 26th Octr | £95:—:— |

[160] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 3d Day of Decr 1788.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Jeremh Wool<br>John Laurance<br>John Wylley<br>Peter Elting | Esqrs Aldn | James Nicholson<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Joseph Pierson<br>George Janeway | Assistts |

Two of the Commissioners of the Alms House attended the Board & suggested that as the Doctor of the Alms House had declined the Service whether it would not be more œconomical if the public found the Medicine & a Doctor should be imployed to administer them; that the Commissrs were in favor of the Measure Whereupon it was resolved that the Board approve of the Mode & that the Commissioners do carry it into effect.

And also that the Commissioners provide the necessary Tools & erect two Forges for the manufacturing of Nails by the Vagrant & other Prisoners from time to time confined in Bridewell.

A Petition of Jeremiah Stone for an Allowance for Repairs by him made to the House in front of Moore's Wharf was read & referred to Aldn Wool & Elting & Mr W Van Zandt

The Committee on the Petition for a Regulation of Chatham Street from St James Street to Division Street reported that the Prayer ought to be granted & that the said Street be regulated agreable to a Survey produced & approved by the Board.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

[161] The Committee on the Petition for the Regulation of Oliver Street reported that the Prayer ought to be granted

Ordered that one of the City Surveyors make a Survey of the said Street & report the same to this Board.

The Committee on the Petition for an additional number of Lamps in Barclay Street reported that two Lamps be added to the number; which was approved of by the Board

The Committee on the Petition for more Lamps in the lower part of the Out Ward reported that five Lamps ought to be placed in Division Street to be fixed in such places as Mr Quackenboss shall direct; which was agreed to by the Board

Ordered that Aldn Wool Mr W Van Zandt & Mr Nicholson be a standing Committee from time to time to report to the Board where more Lamps are necessary &, wherever it can be done, that instead of Posts the Lamps be fixed to the Houses.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Elting & Mess$^{rs}$ Nicholson & W Van Zandt direct the necessary Measures for rendering the Street between the Old Part & the New part of the Fly Market dry & convenient

On Motion of Ald$^{n}$ Laurance.

Resolved that this Corporation will lend their credit for drawing the Sum of One thousand Pounds out of the Bank of New York to be applied towards the Repairs & additions making to the City Hall for the Accommodation of Congress

And therefore Ordered that a Promisory Note in favor of W$^{m}$ Seton Esq$^{r}$ for the Use of the Bank of New York in the Sum of One thousand Pounds. payable in twelve Months be made out—that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that M$^{r}$ Recorder subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

[162] Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasury to advance to Ald$^{n}$ John Wylley on Acc$^{t}$ towards
issued Repairs to the Bridewell the Sum of £60—to Rinier Skaats on Acc$^{t}$ for Fire Wood £15 and to M$^{r}$ George Janeway on Acc$^{t}$ towards Sand for the Pavement making in Broadway £30.

Ordered the like to pay the follow$^{g}$ Persons the follow$^{g}$ Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ viz$^{t}$

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| issued | Francis Childs for printing | £23: 2:— |
| issued | Jeron$^{s}$ Alstyne for clear$^{g}$ the Sewer under the Fly Market | £2:11:— |
| issued | Edward Meeks for Iron Work to the public Lamps | £8:14: 6 |
| issued | W$^{m}$ Rawson for Lamp Oil | £64:16: 2 |
| issued | Elias Burger Jun$^{r}$ for ballce on Contract for build$^{g}$ Wharf at the Fly Market | £104:16:— |
| issued | Jon$^{a}$ Sturges for transcribing & carrying out the Poundage of the State Tax Books | £11:14:— |
| issued | James Honam as Clerk at the late Elections in the Out Ward | £1:12:— |
| issued | John Goodeve & John Anderson Overseers of Wells & Pumps in the South Ward for Repairs | £6:11: 3 |
| issued | Peter Byvanck Peter Schermerhorne & W$^{m}$ Erwin Overseers of Wells & Pumps in Mont$^{g}$ Ward for the Like | £30: 4: 3 |

[163] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held* on Wednesday the 10th Decr 1788.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benja Blagge<br>Jeremh Wool<br>John Wylley<br>Peter Elting | Esqrs Alds | Abm Van Gelder<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>George Janeway<br>Joseph Pierson<br>John Quackenboss<br>James Nicholson | Assistts |

Ordered that the Treasurer take charge & dispose of the Copper taken off from the Roof of the City Hall to best advantage for this Corporation

An Estimate (amounte to £10,435:8) of the Moneys required to defray the public Expences of this City this Year, together with a Petition to the Legislature for altering the time of collection of Taxes in this City & County to the Summer instead of the Winter Season, were respectively read & agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Petition & that Mr Recorder sign the same on behalf of this Board And that Mr Recorder transmit the said Estimate together with the said Petition to the Members from this City & County in the Legislature requesting of them to obtain a Law for raising the amount of the said Estimate by Tax.

A Petition of Henry Shute for a Grant of the Soil under Water opposite to his Lot at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to the Committee on that Subject

[164] A Petition of the Inhabitants of Lumber Street praying a Well & Pump & some Lamps in the said Street was read & referred to the standing Committee for Lamps.

Ordered that Aldn Wylley be appointed to the Committee on Thos Kennedy's Petition instead of Aldn Gilbert who is absent

A Petition of Adolph Waldron the present Lessee of the Ferry to Nassau Island with Proposals to take the said Ferry for a longer Term, was read & referred to Aldn Elting Aldn Wool & Messrs Janeway W Van Zandt & Quackenboss; with Directions to enquire into & report to the Board the best manner of disposing of the said Ferry for promoting the public convenience & the Revenue of this Corpora-

*In the original the words "at the City Hall" were written after the word "held" and crossed out. Evidently the meetings had not been held in the City Hall since September 24, 1788, on account of repairs to that building to prepare it for the accommodation of Congress.—Ed.

tion And also to enquire into the present Rates of Ferriage & to report whether any & what alterations may be necessary.

Ordered that Mr Recorder be requested on behalf of this Corporation to enter a Caveat against an Application of Comfort Sands to the Land Office for a Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River opposite to his Land at Brooklin in Kings County

Ordered that the pay of the Watchmen be encreased one Shilling per Man per Night from the last audit of their Acct

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrts on the Treasury to advance John Stagg on Acct towards his contract for
issued altering & improving the Pavement in the Broadway the Sum of Forty pounds.

And Ordered the like to pay James Culbertson the Sum of
issued £2: 13: 10 for going to Morris Town to procure the partial Tax Book of Mr Brasher late Collector of the South Ward

[165] City of New York } ss: At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 31st Day of December 1788.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benja Blagge<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Peter Elting<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Alda | Abm Van Gelder<br>George Janeway<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Ja Nicholson | Assistts |

A Petition of Henry Rutgers for a Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River opposite to a part of his Land at Corlaers Hook; was read & referred to the Committee on that Subject.

On a Complaint made by some of the fireman that most of the public Lamps (at the time of the late fire at the House of Mr Burling in Beekmans Street about 1 O'Clock at Night were gone out

Ordered that the Committee for Lamps enquire into the Subject & give the Superintendt such further Directions therein as they may conceive necessary.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Herman Street praying that the said Street may be provided with some of the public Lamps was read & referred to the said Committee.

Mr Wiessenfels one of the Superintendants of the City Watch attending the Board on some Complaints made against the irregularity of his Watch signified to the Board that from his advanced Age & Infirmity of Body he could not do better & that if his Conduct was unsatisfactory he wished to resign the Office & be discharged

Whereupon the Board discharged him from the Office accordingly & James Culbertson was appointed in his stead.

[166] Mr Recorder & the Aldermen represented to the Board that in consequence of the frequent recent Robberies in this City, the Magistrates had found it expedient for the safety of the City to augment the City Watch by an addition of 20 Men each Night

Resolved that this Board do approve of the Measure & that the said augmentation be continued until the further Order of this Board.

The Commitee to whom was referred the Subject of enquiring into & reporting some further Regulations of the Fly Market, delivered in a Report the consideration of which (excepting that part of it which relates to the regulating of the Butchers Stalls & standings) was postponed. The part within the above exception was then taken into consideration & agreed to by the Board to take effect on the first Day of February next & is as follows vizt

" That every Butchers Stall be no more then eight feet Long and three feet six Inches Broad, and that no part thereof extend any further into the Market, that the Back of each stall be placed to rainge with the Inerside of the Market post, and otherwise put up in the following order. one Stall at the Head of the Market and Eighteen Stalls on each side, beginning at Queen Street. vizt

| | feet | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Passage ..... | 11 | Passage ..... | 8 | Passage ..... | 8 |
| Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 |
| Cutting Block..... | 4..5 | Cutting Block..... | 4..5 | Cutting Block..... | 4..5 |
| Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 |
| Space ..... | 2 | Space ..... | 2 | Space ..... | 2 |
| Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 |
| Cutting Block..... | 4..5 | Cutting Block..... | 4..5 | Cutting Block..... | 4..5 |
| Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 |
| Space ..... | 2 | Space ..... | 2 | Space ..... | 2 |
| Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 |
| Cuting Block..... | 4..5 | Cuting Block..... | 4..5 | Cuting Block..... | 4..5 |
| Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 | Stall ..... | 8 |
| | | | | Space ..... | 1..3 |
| | 76..3 | | 73..3 | | 74..6 |
| | | | | | 73..3 |
| The Six Stalls in the Lower Market to be regulated in like Manner as above. | | | | | 76..3 |
| | | | | | 224 feet |

[167] Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrts on the Treasury to pay the followg Persons the followg Sums in full of their respective Accts vizt

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| issued | Wm J Elsworth & Anthony Post Overseers of the public Wells & Pumps in the West Wd for Repairs..... | £24:18: 5 |
| issued | John Stagg for the ballce due him on his Contract for altering the pavement in the Broad Way..... | £20:—:— |
| | And for paving Water Street at the Fly Market.... | 6: 6:— |
| issued | Henry Shute for repairs to the Road at Corlaers Hook. | £21:10: 3 |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey public Whipper for one Qr Salary due the 27th Inst..... | £6: 5:— |
| issued | Danl Phœnix for 5 Cask lamp Oil purchased of Wilson Rawson ..... | £37: 6: 6 |
| issued | Solomon Smith for Mason Work & Materials to the Fly Market ..... | £12:18:— |
| issued | Jonas Pearssee for subsistg criminal Prisoners from the 1st Octr 1787 to 1st Septr 1788..... | £408: 8: 3 |
| | John Simmons for the Use of his Room fire, Candles &c &c ..... | £17: 2: 4 |

[168] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 7th Day of January 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benjn Blagge<br>Peter Elting<br>Jeremh Wool<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Jas Nicholson<br>Jno Quackenboss<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Tobias Van Zandt |

Assists

A Petition subscribed by the honble John Jay & others on behalf of themselves & the other Inhabitants of this City, who have lent their Credit for drawing Monies out of the Bank of New York to be applied towards the additions & Alterations to the City Hall for the accommodation of Congress & for which Monies, to the amount of their respective Subscriptions, they have given their promissory Notes, praying this Corporation to apply for a Legislative Provision for their Indemnification; was read.

Whereupon a Petition, from this Corporation to the Legislature, reciting the abovementioned Petition & praying the Legislature for a legal provision to indemnify the said Inhabts and for raising Monies to the amount of £13000 for discharging the said Notes & for compleating the said Building; was read & agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Recorder subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

[169] Resolved that this Board have no Objection to the appropriation of the uppermost Room in the South East part of the City Hall to the use of the Society Library Provided the same shall not be necessary for the accommodation of the Genl Govt of the United States.

The Committee on the Petition for altering & rendering Straight the South Line of Water Street from Dover Street to St James's Slip reported that the Prayer thereof ought not to be granted; which was agreed to by the Board.

Resolved that this Corporation will lend their Credit for drawing the further Sum of One thousand Pounds out of the Bank of New York to be applied towards the Repairs & Additions making to the City Hall for the accommodation of Congress And therefore ordered that a promisory Note in favor of William Seton Esqr for the use of the Bank of New York in the Sum of One thousand Pounds payable in twelve Months be made, that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Recorder subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

Mr Goerick one of the City Surveyors produced to the Board according to Order, a Book containg Survey's of all the Water Lots, from Corlaers Hook to the Battery, in the East River; which was referred to Aldn Elting & his Assist & Mr Nicholson.

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrants on the Treasury to pay the followg Persons the followg Sums for their respective Accts viz.

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| issued | Richard Lewis for paving in front of a vacant Lot in Prince Street ..... | £7:13:— |
| issued | James Blanchard for a Bulkhead to the Road at Corlaers Hook ..... | £15:—:— |
| issued | George Janeway for the ballce of his Acct for Sand on the Pavemt in Broad Way..... | £34:—:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for the use of his Cellar to store the old Copper from the Roof of the City Hall..... | £2: 2:— |

[170] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 30th Day of January 1789

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benja Blagge<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>Peter Elting<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>James Nicholson<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>George Janeway<br>Joseph Pierson — Assists |

Mr Recorder laid before the Board a Letter from Benja Wynkoop Levi Hollingsworth & G. Turner the Corresponding Committee of the Rumsian Society in Phila dated the 8th Inst. directed to Mr Mayor or in his absence Mr Recorder, informing that Mr Rumsey had invented an Engine far superior to any other for supplying Towns with Water —that Mr Rumsey had applied to the Legislature for the exclusive Right in the said Invention—that whenever the Legislature shall grant his Request the Rumsian Society would come forward with proposals for supplying this City with Water by Contract & suggesting to the Corporation the propriety of making the necessary Arrangements for forwarding or even compleating the Object of such Contract in the course of the ensuing Summer.

Whereupon resolved that in the Opinion of this Board Mr Rumsey's invention ought to meet with every due encouragemt & that it is the Wish of this Board to enter into a Contract for supplying this City with Water [171] But that the State of the Finances of this Corporation will not admit of their entering in such Contract in the course of next Summer They however will be happy to receive Proposals to the end that they may be enabled to take the same into consideration & make the necessary Arrangemts for such a Measure as soon as possible.

Ordered that Mr Recorder be requested to communicate the Sense of this Board on the Subject to the Rumnian Society accordingly

The following Persons were appointed Fire Men of this City vizt

George Titlar & James Ketchum to Engine No 11 vice Jacobus Quick & Henry Sickels resigned.

Abraham Moore to Engine No 14 vice Bisset Weeks

Isaac Vervelen to Engine No 8 vice Dowe Talman

Oliver Mildeberger to Engine No 12 vice Henry Riker

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| George Seal<br>Thomas Saunders | to Engine No 13 vice | | George Arhart<br>Richd Penfold |
| John Halsted<br>Samuel Carman | to Hook & Ladder Company No 2 | vice | Danl Lawrence<br>David Rosette |

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| Wm Pinckney | to Engine No 5 vice | Wm Rammey |
| Wm Peterson<br>Jeremh Wood<br>Jacob Fee | to Out Ward Engine vice | James Balmer<br>John Fasch<br>John Binckes |

On the Application of Mr Seton it was ordered that one Watchmen be posted at the Bank.

On reading a Letter from Corne J Bogert Esqr Atty for the Estate of Phœbe Barnes decd Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to pay off & discharge a certain Bond of the said Phœbe Barnes against this Corporation, out of the Revenue Fund as soon as Circumstances will permit

Ordered that Jaspar Ten Broeck be allowed to execute the Office of Inspector of fire Wood in the stead of Jno Delanoy during his illness.

[172] Ordered that Aldn Elting Gilbert and Lawrance & Messrs W Van Zandt & Nicholson be a Committee to consider of & report the best Mode for disposing of the common Lands

Ordered that Aldn Wool & Mr T Van Zandt & Mr Quackenbos be a Committee to enquire into & report the State of the Slaughter House

The Clerk presented to the Board the Returns of the Elections held purst to the Order of the 14th of October last from which it appear'd that James Watson was elected Assessor for Montgomerie Ward—Stephen McCrea & Corne C Roosevelt for the Bowery Division of the Out Ward & Garret Abeel & John Marston for the North Ward.

Ordered that the Clerk notify them to attend this Board & take the Oaths prescribed by Law

Ordered that 10 of the 20 additional Watchmen be discharged at the End of their present Week

Resolved that this Corporation will lend their Credit for drawing the further Sum of two thousand Pounds out of the Bank of New York to be applied towards the Repairs & Additions making to the City Hall for the accommodation of Congress And therefore ordered that a promisory Note in favor of Wm Seton Esqr for the use of the Bank of New York in the Sum of two thousand Pounds payable in twelve Months be made that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Recorder subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

issued Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay John Crygier an indigent Cripple the Sum of £5 towards his Support.

issued [173] Ordered the like to pay Charles Brower the Sum of £10 towards a Pump in the Well lately sunk at the Corner of first & Division Streets in the Out Ward

issued Ordered the like to pay to the Assistants of the respective Wards the follow$^{g}$ Sums to be by them distributed among the indigent & distressed Families in their respective Wards viz$^{t}$

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| South Ward | £12 | North Ward | £18 |
| Dock Ward | 8 | Montg$^{y}$ Ward | 20 |
| East Ward | 8 | Out Ward | 16 |
| West Ward | 18 | | 46 |

£100 total

Ordered the like to pay the follow$^{g}$ Persons the follow$^{g}$ Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ viz$^{t}$

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| issued | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for clean$^{g}$ & lighting the public Lamps from 26$^{th}$ Oct$^{r}$ to 26$^{th}$ Dec$^{r}$ | | £64:—:— |
| | James Hill for glazing public Lamps | £79: 7: 6 | |
| issued | for the like at the City Hall | 3: 6: 6 | |
| | for the like at the Goal | 7: 7: 9 | £90: 1: 9 |
| issued | W$^{m}$ Heyer for Ironmongery to the City Hall | | £3: 2:10 |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to the public Roads | | £43:11: 6 |
| issued | Andrew Thompson Dan$^{l}$ Lambert & Elias Romeyn for paving in front of a vacant Lot in Van De Water Street | | £4:17: 8 |
| issued | Nich$^{s}$ Hoffman & Son for 2 Iron Stoves for the Court Room | | £6:—:— |
| issued | Andrew Thompson for Repairs to the Drain in Ferry Street | | £3:14: 4 |
| issued | John Goodeve for a Box of Candles | | £2: 2: 9 |
| issued | Boyd & Carrouth for Iron Work to the Goal | | £43: 0: 2¼ |
| issued | Rich$^{d}$ Lewis for filling a vacant Lot in Catharine Street | | £3:16: 8 |
| issued | Andrew Thompson & Richard Lewis for paving a vacant Lot in Roosevelt Street | | 7:19: 4 |
| issued | Tobias Van Zandt George Janeway & Joseph Pierson for the ball$^{ce}$ due on their Acc$^{t}$ for Repairs to the Goal | | £155:13: 5½ |

[174] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday febʸ 2ᵈ 1789

Present/ Richard Varick Esqʳ Recorder

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| Peter Elting<br>John Wylley<br>Jeremʰ Wool<br>Nichˢ Bayard | Esqʳˢ Aldⁿ | Wynant Van Zandt<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Geo. Janeway<br>James Nicholson | Assistᵗˢ |

Nicholas Bayard Esqʳ Alderman of the Out Ward took & subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance & of Office by Law & the Charter prescribed & directed.

Ordered that Aldⁿ Elting & Messʳˢ W Van Zandt & Nicholson be a Committee to examine & audit the Accᵗˢ of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter

Aldⁿ Elting from the Committee reported that they had audited the Accᵗˢ of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter amountᵍ

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| the Alms House to..... | £2145: 1: 4 |
| the Bridewell to..... | 205: 2: 9 |

The Commissʳˢ Estimate for the Alms House for the ensuing Quarter amountᵍ to £1200:—:— was read & agreed to.

Ordered that Mʳ Recorder issue his Warrᵗ on the Treasurer issued to pay the Commissʳˢ the said Sum accordingly.

[175] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 18th Day of february 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqʳ Recorder

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| Wᵐ W Gilbert<br>Peter Elting<br>Nichˢ Bayard<br>John Wylley<br>Jeremʰ Wool | Esqʳˢ Aldⁿ | James Nicholson<br>Abᵐ Van Gelder<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Geo: Janeway<br>John Quackenbos | Assistᵗˢ |

A Petition of Mary Delamater was read

Thereupon Ordered that she be permitted to occupy the small House & piece of Ground, part of the common Lands, near the six Mile Stone during the pleasure & until the further order of this Board.

Ordered that Aldⁿ Gilbert & Elting & Mʳ Nicholson be a Committee to report to the Board, the kind of Hat which will be most proper for the Watchmen

A Petition of Leonard Fisher proposing to purchase the Fee of

two Lots of Ground situate in Queens Street which he at present holds under Lease from this Corporation was read & referred to the Treasurer

Mr Henry Rutgers delivered to the Board a certain Instrument indented & made on the 31st Day of October 1765 by his father Hendrick Rutgers decd & James Delancey containing Articles of Agreement between them for the settling & establishment of partition Lines between their respective Lands in the Out Ward & for opening & establishing of a public Street or Highway between the Land of the said Hendrick Rutgers & the Land of the said James Delancey as aforesaid

Ordered that the Clerk procure the legal proof of [176] the execution of the said Indenture by the said Parties—that he cause the same to be recorded & that he deposit the original among the other public Conveyances of this Corporation in the Clerk's Office.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread exposed in this City for sale be as follows vizt

Assize of Bread A Loaf of inspected superfine wheat Flour to
Wheat Flour 44/ prbl weigh 2lb 2½oz for sixpence A loaf of Rye
Rye Do 12/ pr C Flour 1lb 12oz for three Pence

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| issued | Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to advance to Aldn Wylley towards Repairs to the Bridewell..... | £100:—:— |
| issued | And to Mr Abm Van Gelder for the Relief of two indigent families in the Wt Ward..... | 40/ |
| | Ordered the like to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts | |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for his Attendance as Door Keeper & Messenger from 15th Novr last to the 15th Inst being 1 Quarter & for 6/ by him advanced..... | £10: 6:— |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for cleans & lights the public Lamps from 26th Decr to 26th Jany last..... | £32: 6: 8 |
| issued | Joseph Beck for sweeping Chimnies at the Goal & Bridewell ..... | £3:15:— |
| issued | George Janeway for Repairs to the Watch Hs..... | £6:18: 2 |
| issued | Thomas Thomas for an Iron Stove for the Goal..... | £3:14: 9 |
| issued | Philip Jacobs (for Peter Sifort, John Foot & Michl All) for removing Dirt out of Ferry Street..... | £1: 2: 4 |
| | John Graham for repairs public Lamps..... | £40: 5:10 |
| issued | Do Do for mounting 2 Iron Stoves with pipes &c &c for the Court Room..... | £11:10: 7 |
| issued | Wm Sloo (to be by him pd to the several Constables & Marshalls for conveys Vagrants to the Bridewell..... | £17:—:— |

[177] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 25th Day of February 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Peter Elting<br>Willm W Gilbert<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Jeremh Wool<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | James Nicholson<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>John Quackenbos | Assists |

The Board being satisfactorily informed that George Seal lately appointed to the Office of one of the Firemen of this City, had at a late fire behaved in a very unbecoming Manner in refusing to obey the Orders of one of the Magistrates & treating him with disrespectful & insulting language Ordered that he be removed from his said Office & that the Company to which he belonged do recommend a proper Person to be appointed in his stead.

The Engineers of the Fire Companies attended the Board & represented the Danger to which this City is exposed by Fire happening from Stoves being improperly erected in Joiners Shops & other Places, & the necessity of a public Provision to correct the Evil—they also represented the necessity of providing some place for the Reception of the Fire Engines, & the Ladders, Hooks, Buckets &c which were formerly kept in the City Hall

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Wool & Messrs W Van Zandt & Nicholson be a Comtee to prepare an Ordinance to prevent the Evil represented by [178] the Engineers & to enquire for and report a proper Place for the reception of the fire Engines &c.

Resolved & ordered that no Butchers be permitted to have or occupy any Stalls or Standings in the Fly Market between Water & Front Streets, the Six Stalls or Standings nearest to Water Street excepted. And Ordered that the Stalls and Standings (other than those above excepted, placed there be removed & that Benches or Tables for the use of the Country People be erected in their stead.

Resolved that this Corporation will lend their Credit for drawing the further Sum of One thousand Pounds out of the Bank of New York to be applied towards the Repairs and Additions making to the City Hall for the accommodation of Congress And therefore ordered that a promisory Note in favor of William Seton Esqr for the Use of the Bank of New York in the Sum of One thousand Pounds payable in twelve Months be made—that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed

thereto and that Mr Recorder subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

issued Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Samuel Maghee & John Somerindyk Overseers of the public Wells & Pumps in the Out Wd for Repairs the Sum of £12:12:—

[179] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 3d Day of March 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Jeremh Wool<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>John Wylley<br>Peter Elting | Esqrs Aldn | Joseph Pierson<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>James Nicholson<br>George Janeway | Assistt |

Whereas this Board did on the 17th Day of September last Resolve that the whole of the City Hall of this City be appropriated for the accommodation of the General Government of the United States And whereas the said Building hath been improved & repaired for the purpose Resolved that Mr Recorder be requested on behalf of this Board to communicate to the Congress of the United States the Substance of the said Resolution of the 17th September last in such manner as he shall deem most respectful & proper

The following Report was received read and ordered to be filed vizt

"We Henry Remsen, Thomas Randall, William Maxwell, John McComb, & Joshua Sands five of the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed the 7th Day of April 1787 for the purpose of appraising and estimating the Damages or Losses which individual [180] Citizens have sustained by widening continuing and extending Greenwich Street

Having minutely investigated the several Claims and maturely considered the Matters suggested on the part of the honble Corporation by their Committee for that purpose appointed.

Do hereby determine and award to the several Claimants herein after named or their legal Representatives the Sums annexed to their respective Names, as full compensation for their respective Losses and the Damages they have sustained in consequence of said Greenwich Street being widened continued & extended as aforesaid vizt

To Joseph Baldwin.....thirty two Pounds
Susanna Van Winkle.....two hundred & twenty four Pounds
Leonard Kip .....Sixty four Pounds
Isaac Clawson .....Sixty four Pounds
William Kirby .....forty four Pounds sixteen Shillgs
William Cargill.....One hundred & ninety two pounds two Shillgs
John Montanye.....two hundred & ninety five pounds 10/8d
James Quick.....two hundred & twenty four Pounds
Thomas Lafoy .....fifty five Pounds
Samuel Ellis.....One hundred & seventy Pounds
Cornelius Slott .....Seventy Six Pounds 16/—
Heirs of John Thurman decd.....two hundred pounds 10/6
John Dey .....Ninety six Pounds.
Bernardus Swartwout & Son.....One hundred & seventy eight Pounds

[181] Witness our hands & Seals in New York this fourth Day of february 1789.

Henry Remsen [Seal]
Thos Randall [Seal]
Wm Maxwell [Seal]
John McComb [Seal]
Josh Sands [Seal]"

From a Letter, subscribed by Henry Remsen one of the said Commissioners to Mr Recorder, it appears that for want of suffl Information they have not reported on the Claims of the Heirs of the late Nichs Roosevelt & the family of Rutgers deceased—that they have not been able to proceed to estimate the advantages which Individuals have received in consequence of widening & extending Greenwich Street And that the Commissioners deem themselves entitled to receive 120 Dollars as a very reasonable compensation for their Time Services & needful Expenditures.

The Board conceiving the said Sum very reasonable.

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay to the said Commissrs the Sum of 120 Dollars accordingly.

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[182] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 11th Day of March 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Joseph Pierson |
| Jeremh Wool | | Wynant Van Zandt |
| Peter Elting | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| John Laurance | | James Nicholson |
| John Wylley | | John Quackenbos |
| | | George Janeway |

Assistts

Resolved that this Corporation will lend their Credit for drawing the further Sum of two thousand Pounds out of the Bank of New York to be applied towards the Repairs and Additions making to the City Hall for the accommodation of Congress And therefore Ordered that a promisory Note in favor of William Seton Esqr for the Use of the Bank of New York in the Sum of two thousand Pounds payable in twelve Months be made—that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto and that Mr Recorder subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

Aldn Elting from The Committee appointed to consider of & report the best Manner of regulating & disposing of the Ferry from this City to Brooklyn on Nassau or Long Island delivered in a Report on that Subject which was read & considered And, after some [183] time spent thereon, that part of the Report which recommends the letting out the Ferry House & other Buildings belonging*ing* to this Corporation at Brooklyn independent of the Ferry & licensing a certain number of Boats to individuals for conveying Passengers & Freight across the said Ferry was agreed to by the Board, & the further consideration of the residue of the said Report was postponed until the next Meeting

Ordered that the Clerk advertize the said Buildings to be let for one Year from the first Day of May next vizt The large Ferry House with the Kitchen, the Barn or Stable, & the Yard And also the small Buildings near the Water with the Use of the Wharf in the Rear & a reasonable proportion of the Yard between the So Wt side of the Barn & the Street saving to the Ferry Boats the exclusive Right & Use of the Corporation Wharfs Bridges & Slips there the Rent to be paid quarterly & the Tenant to defray the expences of all Repairs & to pay all the public Taxes & Impositions to which the Premisses may be liable during the Term proposals in writing sealed to be received at the Clerks Office on or before the 31st Instant.

[184] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 18th Day of March 1789.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Nichs Bayard<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Peter Elting<br>John Laurance<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>James Nicholson<br>George Janeway | Assistts |

The Board proceeded to the further consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Subject of the Ferry & the same being amended was agreed to as follows vizt

"That six Persons be licensed by this Board to exercise, during the Pleasure of this Board, the privilege of keeping each one large Boat and one small Boat, the former to carry Horses Cattle Carriages & heavy freight & Passengers & the latter light Freight & Passengers from this City to Nassau Island & from Nassau Island to this City on the conditions & Regulations followg vizt That four of the said large Boats & four of the said small Boats ply to & from the Fly Market Slip in this City and the Corporation Ferry Stairs at Brooklyn on Nassau Island aforesaid And that two of the said large Boats & two of the said small Boats ply to & from the Stairs at Pecks Slip & the Corporation Ferry Stairs at Brooklyn aforesaid.

[185] That the Boats together with their Masts & Sails be of such Form & Dimensions as the Wardens of the Port of New York shall approve That each Boat be constantly worked and managed by two sober & discreet able bodied & experienced Water Men.

That each Boat be always furnished with four good Oars & two Boat Hooks.

That the said Boats be all numbered and that the Name of the Owner and the number of each Boat be painted on the inside of the Stern of the Boat easily to be seen

That no greater Rates of Ferriage be demanded than those by Law established.

That no horned Cattle be taken off or landed by any of the said Boats at any Place in this City to the West Ward of Catharine Slip in the Out Ward.

That the Persons licensed as aforesaid shall pay into the Treasury of this City the following Sums Monthly that is to say. Each of the Persons licensed to exercise the privilege of keeping two Boats to

ply to & from the Fly Market Slip as aforesaid the Sum of Seven Pounds per Month & each of the Persons licensed as aforesaid to ply to & from Pecks Slip as aforesaid the Sum of three Pounds ten Shillings per Month.

That if any of the said Persons licensed as aforesaid shall be in default of payment of the said respective Sums for the Space of Ten Days after the time appointed for the payment thereof or shall contravene the Law of this State, or the aforegoing or any future Rule or Order of this Corporation for the better government or regulation of the said Ferry such Person shall forfeit his Licence."

[186] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 19th March 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Nichs Bayard<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>John Lawrence<br>Peter Elting | } Esqrs Aldn | Wynant Van Zandt<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>John Quackenbos<br>James Nicholson<br>George Janeway | } Assistts |

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| Abraham Brevoort. | Baker | } admitted & sworn Freemen |
| William Dyckman. | laborer | |
| Christian Brewer | do | |
| Jacob Evans | do | |

The Committee for the purpose appointed reported a Law or Ordinance entitled "A Law to regulate the public Markets within this City" which was read considered by Paragraphs & amended" and passed. Ordered that the same be published in the public News Papers.

Whereas it appears to this Board that notwithstanding the late enlargement of the Fly Market, it is still insufficient for the accommodation of the Citizens.

Resolved therefore that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report a plan for making a suitable Addition to the said Market & the Ways and Means to carry the same into effect

Ordered that Aldn Lawrance Bayard & Elting & Messrs Janeway & Van Gelder be the Committee

Ordered that the Clerk publish advertizemts for receiving Proposals in writing sealed until the 7th April next from any Persons inclineable to hire the privilege of keeping the Ferries from this City to

Powlus Hook & Hoboock for the Term of three Years from the first of May next

[187] Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Lawrance & Elting & Mess$^{rs}$ Nicholson & Janeway be a Committee to treat with M$^{r}$ Verplanck on the purchase of his Lot adjoining the City Hall to enlarge the space on that side thereof

issued to M$^{r}$ Bogert

On the application of Corn$^{s}$ J Bogert Esq$^{r}$ Atty for Philena Barnes ordered that the Treasurer pay to her or her order (out of the Revenue Fund as soon as Circumstances will permit) the Sum of two Hundred Pounds on Acc$^{t}$ towards the principal of her Bond against this Corporation & that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ accordingly

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay the follow$^{g}$ Persons the follow$^{g}$ Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ viz$^{t}$

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| issued | Ab$^{m}$ Brower Clerk of the late Election S$^{o}$ W$^{d}$ | £2:12:— |
| | Charles Richarson the like | 2:12:— |
| | Francis Child the like in the N$^{o}$ Ward | 2:12:— |
| | Benj$^{a}$ Graves the like | 2: 8:— |
| | Rich$^{d}$ Duryee the like in the Out W$^{d}$ | 2:16:— |
| | Walter M$^{c}$Donald the like | 2: 8:— |
| | John T Duryee the like Dock W$^{d}$ | 2:11: 6 |
| | Tho$^{s}$ Gilbert the like | 2: 8:— |
| | John De Peyster the like Mont$^{g}$ W$^{d}$ | 2: 8:— |
| | John Taylor the like | 2: 8:— |
| issued | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from 26$^{th}$ Jan$^{y}$ to 26$^{th}$ feb$^{y}$ last | £32:10: 8 |
| | And for ½ Years Salary storage & Cartage of Oil &$^{c}$ | £41:15: 6 |
| issued | George Janeway for Repairs to the Alms H$^{s}$ | £20:11: 6 |
| issued | Dan$^{l}$ Carter for glazing at the Alms House | £1: 3: 3 |
| issued | Anth$^{o}$ Post & W$^{m}$ J Elsworth Overseers of Wells & Pumps in the W$^{t}$ Ward for Repairs | £16:15: 7 |
| issued | Edmond Prior for 14 Cask Lamp Oil | £151: 2: 6 |
| | Jenkins & Barker 18 d$^{o}$ d$^{o}$ | 137:10:10 |

[188] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 1st Day of April 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

Wm W Gilbert
Peter Elting
John Laurance
Jeremh Wool
Nichs Bayard
John Wylley
} Esqrs Aldn

James Nicholson
Wynant Van Zandt
Joseph Pierson
George Janeway
Abm Van Gelder
} Assistts

Robert Johnston Shopker
John Wool—Heelmaker
John Van Osdall—Boatman
Cornelius Mabie, Laborer
John Fistan—Blacksmith
John Van Houten—Blacksmith
John Ackerman—Innholder
Jacob Shourt—Blacksmith
} were severally admitted & sworn Free Men of this City

Messrs Roosevelt, Low & McCormick three of the Directors of the Bank of New York came in & delivered to the Board a verbal Communication on the Subject of the Monies advanced by the Bank on the credit of this Corporation for defraying the Expences of Improving & repairing the City Hall.

Thereupon resolved that the Bank be requested to advance the further Sum of £2600:3:10 in Paper—that this Sum and the Sums already advanced by the Bank on the credit of this Corporation be liquidated & ascertained in Specie at eight per Cent advance. that a Bond be made out from this Corporation [189] to William Seton Esqr, Cashier of the Bank of New York, for the use of the Bank of New York conditioned for the payment of £9000 payable in Gold or Silver in twelve Months with Interest at the rate of seven per Cent per Annum—that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto and that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board and that the several Notes of this Corporation to the Bank be returned & cancelled.

Be it ordained that nothing in the 9th & 10th Clauses of the Law to regulate the public Markets in this City be construed to extend to prevent any of the Persons therein described sending to Market and exposing to sale any of the Articles therein mentioned by their or either of their Agents or Servants.

A Letter from the Treasurer & a Petition of Gozen Ryersen, on the Subject of the Ferry to Staten Isle, were read & referred to the Aldn & Assistts of the South & Dock Wards.

A Representation of Comfort Sands relative to the Agreement between him & this Corporation as to the Boundary Line between his & the Corporation Lands at Brooklyn & the opening a Street through the Corporation Land to his Land as appears by the Report of a Committee of this Corporation agreed to in Common Council; was read & referred to the Committee on the Subject of the Ferry.

A Petition of John Stephens for the Privilege of keeping a Ferry to Weehawk was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the West & the Ald$^{n}$ of the East Ward.

[190] The Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Lumber Street reported that they had examined the Situation of the said Street and found it necessary that three Lamps be placed there & that when the Inhabitants clean out the Well the Corporation should contribute towards a Pump therein; which was agreed to by the Board.

The Committee appointed to report a Plan for disposing of the Common Lands delivered in a Report; which was read & the consideration thereof postponed

Ordered that the said Committee treat with D$^{r}$ Thomas Bridgen Atwood & M$^{r}$ John Murray on the subject of the Common Lands they possess on Lease from this Corporation.

The Board proceed to examine the several Proposals for the Corporation Ferry House & the other Buildings at Brooklyn; when it appeared that M$^{r}$ Henry Dawson had made the highest offer viz$^{t}$ £100 per annum for the large Ferry House with the Barn Kitchen &$^{c}$ And that M$^{r}$ Gilbert Van Mater had made the best Offer for the small Build$^{gs}$ near the River viz$^{t}$ £55 per Annum—on the Terms mentioned in the Advertizement on that Subject.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Leases for the s$^{d}$ Tenements for the Term of one Year & that he take Security for the paym$^{t}$ of the Rent.

[191] The Board then proceed to examine the several Applications for the Privilege of keeping Ferry Boats across the East River; When it was determined that Henry Dawson Gilbert Van Master John Hicks & Jacob Wilkins Jun$^{r}$ be licensed to exercise the Privilege of keeping each two Boats to ply from the Fly Market to Brooklyn on the Terms mentioned in the Report of the Committee agreed to on the 18$^{th}$ Ult$^{o}$ And as no Persons have applied for the like Privilege from Pecks Slip as mentioned in the said Report. Ordered that the Advertizement for granting the Privilege of keeping Boats to ply from Pecks Slip be continued in the News Papers.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer
issued to pay John Crygier an indigent Cripple the Sum of £5 towards his support

Ordered the like to advance Rinier Skaats the Sum of 40/
issued for fire Wood for the Watch.

Ordered the like to pay the following Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Accts vizt

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| issued | The Overseers of Wells & Pumps in the Out Ward for Repairs | £2:13: 6 |
| issued | The like in the North Ward | 10:11:10 |
| issued | The like in Montgomerie Ward | 12: 3: 9 |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lamplighting | 32: 9: 4 |
| issued | James Wing for lamp Oil | 105:16:– |
| issued | Gilbert & Bogert, Clerks of Election West Ward | 3: 9:– |
| issued | Heyer & Fish the like East Ward | 3:12:– |

[192] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 3d Day of April 1789.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Nicholas Bayard<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Peter Elting<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Joseph Pierson | Assistts |

Be it ordained that the following Laws and Ordinances of this Corporation be and they are established to continue and remain in full force and virtue for one Year from this Day vizt

A Law for the due Observation of the Lords Day called Sunday.

A Law directing the Uses of the public Seals of this City.

A Law relative to the admission of Free Men

A Law to regulate the Office of Chamberlain or Treasurer of this City.

A Law for the better preventing of Fire.

A Law for the better securing this City from the Danger of Gun-Powder.

A Law to appoint Surveyors for this City.

A Law to regulate the public Markets within this City.

[193] A Law to establish and regulate the public Slaughter House within this City.

A Law to regulate the sale of Bread.

A Law to regulate the paving & keeping in Repair the Streets & for preventing Nuisances within this City.

A Law to regulate Carts & Cartmen in this City.

A Law to regulate the landing & sale of Hay within this City.

A Law to regulate the sale of Fire-Wood in this City.

A Law to regulate the Pay of public Measurers within this City.

A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels in the Docks and Slips of this City and to ascertain the Rates of Wharfage.

A Law directing the Mode of Recovery and appropriation of the Fines Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by Laws of the Corporation of this City.

The following Report of the Committee appointed to report a Plan for disposing of the Common Lands, was taken into consideration and agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$ "Your Committee do report it as their Opinion that such part of the Common Lands as are unappropriated and laid out into Lots by M$^{r}$ Goerick one of the City Surveyors from the Southermost part thereof to Lots N$^{o}$ 66 & 67 should be sold at public Vendue under the Inspection of a Committee of this Board, that this Committee examine the Lands & inform the [194] Seller the lowest Price he is to sell each Lot for—that these Lands be sold at the Coffee House on Monday the 20$^{th}$ Day of April Instant and that such Sale be made public in the daily Advertizer And that a Map of those Lands be exhibited at the Coffee House for ten Days before such Sale for the examination of Persons who may incline to become purchasors And that the Conditions of Sale be as follows—the purchasor to pay one tenth of the purchase Money within Ten Days after sale and to have five Years for payment of the Residue in equal annual payments with five per Cent Interest & the Debts on Bond against the Corporation to be discounted in payment—that Deeds shall be given on the payment of the whole and that Articles be executed on receipt of the first payment that such Deeds shall be delivered on the last payment

Which is submitted to the Board

April 1$^{st}$ 1789

Peter Elting
John Laurance
W$^{m}$ W Gilbert
Wynant Van Zandt
James Nicholson"

Ordered that the same Committee do attend the sale & determine the value of the Lots as mentioned in the said Report

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Quackenbos be added to the Committee.

On a Suggestion that the Society for promoting Manufactures in this City wanted the Use of a part of the Barracks

Ordered that Aldn Bayard & Wool & Mr Janeway be a Committee to treat with the Directors on that Subject

[195] Petitions from the Inhabitants of Barclay & Church Streets —of William Street from Fair Street to Beekman Street—Of Little Dock Street and of Front Street from Coenties Slip to the old Slip, were respectively read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the Wards in which the said Street respectively are situate.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Abijah Hammond the Sum of £10 towards sinking a
issued Well in Delancey Street in the Out Ward as agreed by this Board on the 17th October last

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| issued | Ordered the like to pay Evert Bancker for the balce of his Acct for Surveying | £28:16:— |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to Kings Bridge | 2:12:— |
| issued | Nichs Cox for Watchmens Hats | 14: 8:— |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey for 1 Qr Salary as public Whipper to the 27th March last | 6: 5:— |
| issued | John McComb for altering the Pavemt in the lower part of Broadway | 8: 9: 9 |

[196] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 7th Day of April 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Peter Elting<br>John Laurance<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>John Wyllcy | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Jas Nicholson<br>Joseph Pierson<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Tobias Van Zandt | Assists |

Pursuant to the Statute entitled "An Act for regulating Elections" The Board proceeded to the Election of Inspectors of the ensuing Election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor Senators and Members of Assembly; And the followg Persons were duly elected vizt

| South Ward | Dock Ward |
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| Samuel Bard | J: Ogden Hoffman |
| Simon Schermerhorn | Robert C Livingston |
| John Johnson | Hendrick Wyckhoff |
| **East Ward** | **West Ward** |
| Brockholst Livingston | John Watts |
| Joshua Waddington | Menassah Salter |
| Robert Lenox | Anthony Lispenard |

| North Ward | | Montgomerie Ward |
|---|---|---|
| James J Beekman | | John Cozine |
| John Turner | | William Newton |
| Ahasuerus Turk | | William Rhinelander |

Out Ward

Nicholas Cruger Stephen McCrea Cornᵉ C Roosevelt

[197] The Committee on the Petition for paving of Barclay Street reported that the Prayer thereof ought to be granted & that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for that purpose accordingly which was agreed to by the Board

The Committee on the Petition of John Stephens for the Privilege of keeping a Ferry to Weehawk; reported that the same could not be granted; which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that no other than the ordinary necessary Repairs be made to the public Roads but by the particular Order of this Board.

Ordered that all the additional Watchmen be discharged & that the Watch be reduced to the ordinary number.

[198] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 13th Day of April 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| John Wyllеy | Esqrs Aldn | Wynant Van Zandt | Assistts |
| Peter Elting | | Joseph Pierson | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Jeremh Wool | | James Nicholson | |
| John Laurance | | George Janeway | |

In consequence of the total neglect of James Burras to execute the Office of High Constable Mr Mayor was pleased to appoint Mr James Culbertson to the Office of High Constable in his stead.

From a Representation by the Gentlemen Commissioners for superintending the Improvements making to the City Hall it appears that the Monies agreed to be advanced by the Bank of New York on the Corporation's Bond executed on the 1st Instant, will be inadequate to perfect the said Work And that the further Sum of £2000 will be necessary for the Purpose.

Thereupon resolved that the Bank of New York be requested to advance the further Sum of £2000/ And that a Bond from this Corporation to William Seton Esqr for the use of the Bank of New York, conditioned for the payment of the said Sum in Gold or Silver in 12 Months with Interest [199] at the rate of seven per Cent per Annum be made out—that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto and that Mr Mayor, subscribe the same on behalf of this Board

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 15th Day of April 1789.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Peter Elting<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Jno Wylley<br>John Laurance | Esqrs Aldn | Wynant Van Zandt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>George Janeway<br>Joseph Pierson<br>James Nicholson — Assistts |

Jonathan Lawrence Junr admitted & sworn a freeman of this City

It being suggested to the Board that in consequence of the late Alteration of the pavement in the Broad Way, Lumber, Auchmuty & Oister Pasty Streets require a further Regulation as to the Ascent & Descent

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward direct a New Survey of the said Streets to be made & reported to the Board.

The Board proceeded to examine the sealed proposals of the Persons who are desirous of taking the Ferries from this City to Powlus Hook & Hoboken, When John Holdron's offer vizt £50 per Annum for Powlus Hook & John Stevens offer vizt £10 per Annum for Hoboken appeared highest; And it being suggested that they would give more if the Term could be lengthened Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Elting & Mr Van Gelder be a Committee to treat with them on the Subject

[200] Ordered that the Clerk prepare Ordinances for paving Little Dock Street & Front Street from Coenties to the Old Slip.

The Committee to whom was referred for examination & Inspection the Map lately made by Messrs Bancker & Goerick two of the City Surveyors of the Water Lots from Coerlars Hook to the Battery Reported that in their Opinion the said Map is correct & well executed.

Whereupon the said Map was agreed to and approved by the Board & ordered to be filed in the Clerks Office.

Petitions of Thomas Kennan & Joseph Beck to be appointed Measurers of Lime were read. Ordered that Aldn Wylley & Messrs Janeway & Wynant Van Zandt be a Committee to enquire into the Subject & report whether the appointmt is necessary

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Water Street from Pecks Slip to St James Slip praying that the said Street may be regulated & paved; was read & referred to Aldn Elting & the Assistt of Montgr Ward.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Greenwich Street for removing an old Building which obstructs the said Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the West Ward.

A Petition of several of the Butchers praying an exemption from the Slaughter House Law & that they may be indulged to kill at their own Houses; was read & referred to the Committee appointed to enquire into & report the State of the [201] Slaughter House. Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Dock Ward be added to the Committee

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off the City Watchmen to the present Time out of the Revenue Fund to be charged to the Watch Fund

Ordered that the Sale of the Common Lands be postponed until the first of June next

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance to regulate the Use of the public Bells for funerals in this City.

And an Ordinance to amend the Law "for regulating the paving & keeping in Repair the public Streets" so as that no Stoop platform or Step extend beyond Six feet, or Bow Window beyond twenty Inches into any Street.

An Acct of Mr Mayor agt this Corporation for Costs as their Attv & Council from 1767 to 1771 inclusive amountg to £52:13/ was audited by the Committee & agreed to by the Board. Ordered that the Treasurer give Mr Mayor credit for the amt of the sd Acct

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the followg Persons the followg Sums vizt

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| issued | Willson Rawson for lamp Oil..... | £118:19: 9 |
| issued | Murray Mumford & Bowen for Do..... | £181: 6: 9 |
| issued | Casimir T Goerick for Surveyg Service..... | £36:—:— |

[202] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held on Monday the 20th Day of April 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | } Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | } Assistts |
| Jeremh Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Peter Elting | | George Janeway | |
| John Wylley | | James Nicholson | |

A Petition of the Proprietors of Lots in Queen Street praying an Ordinance for new paving the said Street from the Fly. Market to Rutger's Street was read. Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

And that the Surveyors make a Survey of the said Street & report the same to the Board.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the West Ward direct a regulation to made of the small Street, leading from the Broad Way, called

Oister pasty Street so as to suit the late Alteration made in the pavement of the Broad Way.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to provide a place for the Reception of the fire Engines, Buckets &c &c formerly deposited in the City Hall, be also directed to provide a place for the City Watchmen.

[203] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 22d Day of April 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Peter Elting<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Joseph Pierson | Assists |

Whereas this Board have reason to believe that a very great proportion of the Citizens are earnestly desirous to illuminate their Houses on the Evening of the arrival of the President of the United States, as a Testimony of their Joy on that interesting Event; and that Preparations are already made for that purpose It is therefore recommended to the Citizens to illuminate their Houses from the Hour of seven to nine; in full confidence that every Act of Violence & Disorder will be avoided and the utmost Attention paid to guard against Accidents by fire: And it is hereby required of the Constables & Marshalls to exert the utmost Vigilance in the preservation of Peace and good Order and that all good Citizens will be aiding therein: And it is further recommended that the Bells of the several Churches and other public Buildings commence ringing on the Presidents landing and continue for half an Hour.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer
issued to pay Genl Malcom the Sum of £16 to procure Gun powder for the Militia on the Presidents arrival in this City.

[204] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 27th Day of April 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Nichs Bayard | Esqrs Alds | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| Jeremh Wool | | Wynant Van Zandt | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | James Nicholson | |
| Peter Elting | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |

Mr Mayor having at the Request of the Board prepared an Address from this Corporation to be presented to the President of the United States, he produced the same; which was read & agreed to by the Bd as follows vizt

To the President of the United States

Sir.

The Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York beg leave to offer you our most respectful and affectionate Congratulations on your safe arrival in this Metropolis; and at the same time to express the general Joy of our fellow Citizens of every Order on this auspicious Event

In thus presenting ourselves before you we experience all the Emotions which naturally arise, from a high veneration for your Character, an exhalted Sense of your Services, and a perfect conviction that a Trust the most momentuous which could be conferred by a free People has been committed to a Citizen who has [205] given unequivocal Proofs of his possessing all the good and great Qualities requisite to it's successful Discharge.

With peculiar Pleasure Sir, we recall to mind that illustrious display of Wisdom Virtue and Valour which distinguished your military Command: With equal Pleasure we recollect the examplary Moderation which marked your Retreat from the head of a victorious Army to the Shade of private Life. Permit us to add that we contemplate with pious gratitude that unparelled coincidence of circumstances, which has constrained you, by Motives that Patriotism could not resist, to reingage in the arduous Duties of a public Station.

Long in the habit of revering you as the Father of our Country, we rejoice at the happiness of being once more placed under your Protection; we consider the Unanimity, which prevailed in your Appointment, as a presage that our national Government will be firmly established in the Hearts of all the People and receive their united and zealous support, and we are fully persuaded that, under the Divine

Favour, it's operation will be productive of the most extensive Benefits and Blessings, and render the Union as respectable in Peace as, under your Auspices, it was triumphant in War.

To our most fervant Wishes for your personal Happiness and for the Success of your Administration we should not do Justice, to the Sentiments of our fellow Citizens, if we did not add the [206] strongest Assurances of their inviolable Attachment to you and of their earnest Disposition to render you all the Support which can flow from the most cordial Respect, Gratitude and Confidence.

signed in behalf of the Corporation
Jas Duane Mayor

Ordered that Mr Recorder, Aldn Gilbert & Mr Van Gelder wait on the President to know when and where he will be pleased to receive the said Address.

Whereas this Corporation have engaged their Credit, for Monies required for repairing & improving the City Hall to as great an Amount as they can in any wise justify to their Constituents Resolved that this Corporation will not lend their Credit for any further advances of Money for the purpose aforesaid; And the Commissioners for superintending the said Repairs & Improvements are requested to govern themselves accordingly.

Ordered that the Clerk deliver to one of the said Commissioners a Copy of the aforegoing Resolution.

A Petition from the *Corporation of the Episcopal Church for a Grant of certain Water Lots at the North River; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward & Aldn Elting & Mr Van Zandt

The Committee appointed to treat with Mr Holdran about the Powlus Hook Ferry reported that he would, on a Lease for six Years give £80 pr Annum for the last three Years. Whereupon the Bd determined to adhere to the first proposal & Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to him for three Years @ £50 per Annum

* Marginal note reads *Trinity Church Corporation.*—Ed.

[207] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 4th May 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Joseph Pierson |
| Jeremh Wool | | Wynant Van Zandt |
| John Wylley | | Geo. Janeway |
| Peter Elting | | Abm Van Gelder |
| | | John Quackenbos |
| | | Tobias Van Zandt |

Assistts

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Elting & Mr W Van Zandt be a Committee to examine & Audit the Accts of the Commissrs of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter.

Mr Mayor & the Members of the Board proceeded to visit the Several Wards of the two Houses & being returned.

Aldn Gilbert from the Committee reported that they had examined & audited the Accts of the Commissrs for the last Quarter & found them regular & to amount to the follows Sums vizt

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| The Alms House | £788:11: 7½ |
| The Bridewell | 144:14: 4 |

The Commissrs then delivered in an Estimate for the Alms House for the ensuing Quarter amounting to £1200 which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the Commissrs the said Sum accordingly. issued

[208] The Commissrs represented to the Board the necessity of erecting a small Building to serve as a Store for the use of the Alms Hs

Ordered that Aldn Wylley & Messrs T Van Zandt & Janeway be a Committee to advise the Commissrs as to the Size & manner of erecting the said Store & the proper Place.

The Commissrs reported that Obadiah Seaman & Jacob Seaman two of the Commissioners had declined serving longer Whereupon the Board proceeded to the appointment of two Commissrs in their stead; and Frederick Stymets & Theophilus Beekman were appointed accordingly.

The Board took into consideration the present System of administering to & attending the Sick in the Alms House; And it was ordered that the said System be continued the ensuing Quarter.

[209] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 13th Day of May 1789.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Jeremh Wool<br>John Wyllcy<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Peter Elting | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt<br>Joseph Pierson<br>George Janeway<br>John Quackenbos<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>James Nicholson<br>Wynant Van Zandt |

Assists

Mr Mayor & the Members of the Corporation with their proper Officers having waited on the President of the United States & presented the Address of this Corporation, He was pleased to make the following Answer thereto vizt

" To the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York. Gentlemen

The affectionate Address presented by the Magistrates and the general Joy testified by the Citizens of New York, on my Arrival in this Metropolis, have filled my Mind with the mingled emotions of gratitude and satisfaction.

In accepting the momentous Trust which has been spontaniously committed to me by a free People; it was not enough to have felt a consciousness of having acted in conformity to the dictates of Patriotism; it was not enough to have known that [210] I met the wishes of my fellow Citizens but it seemed that these farther Pledges were wanting to overcome the diffidence I had in my own Abilities and the Reluctance I experienced at engaging in such new and arduous Affairs

Unelated by your too favorable appreciation of my past Services, I can only pour forth, the effusions of a grateful Heart to Heaven, if I have been made in any Degree an Instrument of good to my Country. And although I am far from claiming any Merit for retiring in the manner I did from a military Command to the Shade of private Life; Yet I am pleased to find that your candor has done Justice to the Principles by which I have been actuated on the present Occasion. No circumstance in my conception can be more consolatory to a public Man, especially to one truly sensible that the purest Intentions cannot always preserve him from Error than a knowledge that his Countrymen are disposed to consider the Motives for his Conduct with that liberality which is reciprocally necessary for all who are subject to the frailties of human nature.

In this place I cannot avoid expressing an anxious apprehension that the partiality of my Countrymen in my favor has induced them to expect too much from the exertions [211] of an Individual. It is from their co-operation alone I derive all my expectations of Success. Indeed the unanimity which has prevailed in some Instances is a happy presage that our national Government will be firmly established in the hearts of the People, and receive their united and zealous support From the accomodating spirit which has been displayed in respect to the Constitution I anticipate that the Government will in its operation be productive of the most extensive Utility, by rendering the Union as respectable in Peace as it was tryumphant in War.

I feel a just Sense of your fervant Wishes for my personal happiness and the Success of my Administration. I pray you Gentlemen to accept in return my cordial Thanks for these demonstrations of your Affection as well as for the assurances you have given of the attachment of your fellow Citizens

G° Washington."

The Committees to whom were respectively referred the Petitions for the regulation and paving of Water Street from Pecks Slip to S^t^ James Slip—William Street from Fair Street to Beekman Street & Greenwich Street from Barclay Street to Warren Street reported that the Prayers thereof ought to be granted.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Ordinances accordingly.

[212] The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the protestant Episcopal Church, for a Grant of the Soil from High to low Water mark & thence 200 feet into the River, opposite to their Land between Chambers Street & the next *adjacent Street to the Northward, reported that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted reserving a Quit Rent, to commence at the expiration of twenty one Years, of one Shill^g^ per foot in front; which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Draft of a Grant accordingly.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Butchers, delivered in the follow^g^ Report which was read & agreed to by the Board. viz^t^

"That in their opinion the Prayer of the said Petition ought to be granted that is to say that all Butchers be admitted to keep slaughter Houses North of Bayard & Fishers Streets—that they be bound under a penalty to keep such slaughter Houses Yards & Streets

* Marginal note reads *Reade Street*.—ED.

clean & free from any disagreable smell or nuisance under severe penalty & that five Persons be appointed to see such Regulations carried into execution & that the Butchers pay for such Privilege the same as if they continued to slaughter at the Slaughter House."

[213] Ordered that the same Committee consult Mr Blanchard the Lessee of the Slaughter House on the Subject.

On reading a Petition of Peter Mesier for payment of the Sum appraised to him for his Loss of Ground by the late alteration & Improvement of Greenwich Street Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Elting & Mr W Van Zandt be a Committee to treat with Mr Mesier & to direct the Treasurer in making a settlement with Mr Mesier and that the ballce due from Elizth Mesier for the Rent of Powlus Hook Ferry be discounted on such Settlement.

On a Representation by the Commissioners of the Alms House that the Fund arising from the Tax for the support of the Poor is exhausted that the Commissioners were already in advance for the said House in considerable Sums and that it will be necessary to provide Monies to satisfy those Advances & to procure necessaries for the said House until the Monies can be raised by the ensuing Tax

Ordered that the Treasurer be requested to negociate a Loan on the Credit of this Corporation to the amount of £600 for the use of the Alms House and that the same be repaid out of the first Monies arising from the ensuing Tax for the support of the Poor

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| Assize of Bread | A loaf of inspected superfine Wheat Flour to |
| Wheat Flour 46/ | weigh 2lb 1½oz for sixpence |
| pr barl Rye 16/ | A loaf of Rye Flour to weigh 1lb 8 oz for 3d |
| pr C | |

[214] Ordered that the followg Persons be & they are appointed fire Men of this City vizt

Ebenezer C Kilburne to Engine No 15 vice Alexr Hosack resigned.

Thomas Stevenson to Hook & Ladder Company No 1 vice Edward Lowrier resigned

Samuel Sneeden Garret Debow & Robert Roberts to the same Company vice Anthony Abramse Jacob Abramse & Thomas Underhill removed from the City

John Simmons to Engine No 6 vice Thomas Campbell resigned.

David Ackerman to Engine No 14 vice Thomas Lincoln displaced.

John J Bogert to Engine No 14 vice Samuel Johnston deceased.

Cornelius Sebring to Engine No 14 vice John Kiersted resigned.

Isaac Cock to Engine No 12 vice John Segar resigned.

The Clerk produced the follow$^{g}$ Laws or Ordinances which were respectively read & passed viz$^{t}$

"A Law for the Regulation & paving of all that part of Queens Street which lies between the Fly Market & Rutgers Street"

"A Law for the Regulation & paving of Barclay Street."

"A Law for the new Regulation & paving of little Dock Street & front Street from Coenties Slip to the old Slip."

[215] Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay the follow$^{g}$ Persons the follow$^{g}$ Sums in full of their respective Acc$^{ts}$ viz$^{t}$

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| issued | Adolph Waldron for Repairs to the Ferry House Wharfs &c$^{a}$ at Brooklyn..... | £96:14:— |
| issued | Isaac Meade for erecting an Engine House near the City Hall ..... | 25:—:— |
| issued | Joseph Beck for sweeping Chimnies at the Goal & Bridewell ..... | 2: 8: 9 |
| issued | John Gilbert for so much recov$^{d}$ ag$^{t}$ him by John Hunt for Gun Powder stolen out of the Magazine..... | 9:10: 9 |
| issued | Sam$^{l}$ Maghee & John Somerindyk for Repairs to the public Wells & Pumps in the Out Ward..... | 3: 3: 6 |
| issued | W$^{m}$ Sloo to be by him paid to the several Constables & Marshalls for convey$^{g}$ Vagrants to Bridewell from the 1$^{st}$ feb$^{y}$ to the 1$^{st}$ May Inst..... | 19:15:— |
| issued | Isaac Stoutenburgh for paving in front of Joseph Baldwin's Lot £4:17:1 the Widow Baldwin's Lot 10:6:7½ & John Deys Lot £27:17:11½ to be charged to them respectively & deducted out of the appraisement made for their respective Losses by the late alteration of Greenwich Street And also the following Sums for paving in front of the Lots of Elenor Marschalk £5:9:9 & Bernardus Van De Water £5:10:8½ who are poor & cannot pay..... | £54: 2: 1½ |
| issued | Daniel Parker Clerk of the late Election in the S$^{o}$ Ward ..... | £3: 4:— |

[216] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 25$^{th}$ May 1789.

Present/ James Duane Mayor

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| Peter Elting<br>Jerem$^{h}$ Wool<br>John Wylley<br>Will$^{m}$ W Gilbert | Ald$^{n}$ | John Quackenbos<br>Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder<br>Geo. Janeway<br>James Nicholson<br>Joseph Pierson | Assist$^{s}$ |

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert Elting & Wylley & Mess$^{rs}$ Janeway & W. Van Zandt be a Committee to survey the City Hall & report to the

Board what remains necessary to be done to it with an Estimate of the Expence.

A Petition of Peter Merselius prayᵉ that his Son Theophilus may be appointed a fire Man to Engine Nº 15th agreable to the recommendation of the Company was read. Resolved that the same cannot be complied with.

An Estimate of the Expence of paving Little Dock Street with an Assessmᵗ of the same was read & ratified by the Board.

Ordered that John Stagg be appointed to receive the Monies mentioned in the said Estimate & to superintend the paving of the said Street.

Ordered that Messrs Janeway & W Van Zandt be a standing Committee from time to time to view the public Roads & to give the [217] Superintendants of the Roads such Directions as to the Repairs as they shall judge necessary

Garret Abeel & John Marston Assessors of the North Ward having given the Board satisfactory Reasons for their not serving in the said Office.

Ordered that an Election be held in the said Ward at the House of Charles Gardner on the 2d Day of June next of two Assessors in their stead.

A Petition for the Regulation of Murray Street was read & postponed until the continuation of Greenwich Street be compleated And in the mean time it was ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the Ward direct a Bulkhead to be placed at the bottom of the Street.

On a Reconsideration of the Report of the Committee agreed to at the last Meeting on the Petition of the Rector and Inhabitants of the Protestant Episcopal Church for a Grant of certain Water Lots It was ordered that the Quit Rent mentioned in the said Report to commence at the expiration of 22 Years do not commence until after the expiration of forty two Years

The Clerk pursuant to order brought in the followᵉ Ordinances which were read & passed vizᵗ

"A Law to regulate & pave William Street from Fair Street to Beekman Street"

"A Law for the paving of King George Street"

"A Law for the paving of Water Street from Pecks Slip to Sᵗ James Slip."

"A Law to regulate Chatham Street from Sᵗ James Street to Division Street."

[218] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 5th Day of June 1789.

Present/ James Duane Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>John Wyllcy<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Jeremh Wool<br>Peter Elting | Aldn | Wynant Van Zandt<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Jas Nicholson<br>Abm Van Gelder | Assistts |

Philip Ruckle laborer admitted & sworn a freeman of this City

A Return of the Election held in the North Ward pursuant to the order of the last Meeting of two Assessors was read from which it appears that John Turner & James Christie were duly elected.

Ordered that Frederick Devoe be appointed a fire Man of this City to Engine No 1 vice John Buskirk removed

A Petition of the proprietors of Lots in Water Street from Pecks Slip to Beekmans Slip praying that the said Street may be regulated & paved was read & referred to Aldn Wylley & Messrs T Van Zandt & Mr Janeway.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off (as the Circumstances of the Revenue fund will admit) the Bond of the Estate of Dr Peter Middleton decd & one of the Bonds of Saml Guilford against this Corporation.

[219] A Petition of Dennis McGuire proprietor of the small Farm formerly belonging to Anderson at the 4 Mile Stone prays that the sale of the Common Lands immediately adjoining the said Farm may be stayed until the Lines of the Turtle Bay Patent, of which the said Farm is parcel can be run out & ascertained; was read & referred to the Committee on the Sale of the Common Lands to take order.

The Committee appointed to treat with Mr Blanchard on the Subject of the Slaughter House reported "that the Committee cannot agree to the propositions of Mr Blanchard and that it is the Opinion of the Committee that Mr Blanchard doth not intend to come to a Settlement with this Board in an amicable manner as was proposed but that he wants to lead the Board into some Error to take advantage thereof. The Committee are therefore of Opinion that the Ordinance intended to permit the Butchers to Slaughter at their own Houses North of Bayard & Fisher Streets be postponed until Feby next when the Lease to Mr Blanchard of the Slaughter House will expire." which was agreed to by the Board

Ordered that the Warrt on the Treasurer in favor of Isaac Mead for erecting a fire Engine House near the City Hall be paid out of the Revenue Fund & replaced out of the contingt Fund.

[220] Ordered that an Election be held on Thursday the 11th Inst. at Pecks Slip Market in Montgomerie Ward of an Assessor in the place of James Watson who is indisposed & of a Constable in the place of Thomas White decd.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the North Ward direct the Kennel leading from the Bridewell to be so made as to prevent the Nuisance in the Street from the filthy Water running out of the Bridewell Yard.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the West Ward view the upper part of *Greenwich Street, where it is intended to grant to the Protestant Episcopal Church the Water Lot by them petitioned for, and report to the Board the manner in which the Street is to be made.

Whereas the Proprietors of the Water Lot adjoining the East side of Burlings Slip, have neglected to make & erect the Wharf or pier on the East of the said Slip, agreable to the Covenants contained in their Grant from this Corporation for the said Water Lot, whereby the same is become a common receptacle for Filth & Dirt & the said Slip rendered in a great Measure useless as a Harbor for Boats & Vessels trading to this City to the great Prejudice of the Inhabitants of that neighborhood in particular & of the City in general.

Therefore resolved that Mr Cozine as Attorney of this Corporation be requested to proceed against the said Proprietors for [221] the said Breach of the said Covenant contained in the said Grant in such Manner as he shall deem proper & the Law will warrant

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the followg Persons the following Sums in full of their respective Accts

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| issued | Herman Stout Clerk of the late Election in the South Ward | £3:10:— |
| | Whitehead Fish & George F Dominick for the like in the Out Ward | 4:—:— |
| | Thomas Gilbert for the like in Dock Wd | 2: 8:— |
| | John T Duryee.....do.....do. | 2:14:— |
| | Peter Van Zandt.....do.....East Wd | 3:10:— |
| | Isaac L Kip.....do.....do. | 3:10:— |
| | John W Gilbert.....do.....West Wd | 3:12:— |
| | Gerrit Gilbert .....do.....do. | 3:12:— |
| | Francis Child .....do.....No Wd | 4: 4:— |
| | John J Roome.....do.....do. | 4: 0:— |
| | James Bogert .....do.....Montgy Wd | 2:16:— |
| | John Taylor .....do.....do. | 2:16:— |
| | Edward Blagge .....do.....do. | 2:16:— |

* Marginal note reads *between Chamber & Reade Streets.*—Ed.

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| issued | John Moore for erecting a Fence at the Ferry House at Brooklyn | £6:16:— |
| issued | Joshua Levy for the hire of his Store for a Watch House | 11: 5:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats City Marshall for 1 Qr Services | 10: 3:— |
| issued | J & A McLean for printing | 5:17:— |
| | Shepherd Kollock for the like | 7:11:— |
| | Francis Childs for the like | 18: 1:— |
| issued | Benja Garrison for Boards &c for the Ferry House at Brooklyn | 6:11: 9 |
| issued | Jno Housman for paints Watchmen Caps | 1:16:— |
| issued | Overseers of Wells & Pumps East Wd | 2: 8: 6 |
| issued | do.....do.....do.....Wt Wd | 10:18:— |

[222] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 10th Day of June 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assistts |
| Jeremh Wool | | John Quackenbos | |
| Peter Elting | | Wynt Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | Geo. Janeway | |
| | | Jas Nicholson | |

Ordered that Aldn Elting & Messrs Nicholson & W Van Zandt be a Committee to confer with the Representatives of this City in the Legislature of this State on the most eligible Measures of obtaining from the State for the use of this City the Lands at the Fort & Battery & Nutten Island And also on the Subject of providing by Lottery or otherwise Monies, beyond what are alrea[dy] directed to be raised by Tax, to defray the Expences of the improvements & Repairs to the City Hall.

On reading a Petition of the Proprietors of Lots & Houses in Water Street from Pecks Slip to St James Slip Ordered that the Ordinance lately passed for paving the said Street be suspended until the further order of this Board.

Petitions for paving Water Street from Burlings Slip to Beekmans Slip & Beekmans Street from Gold Street to Queens Street were [223] read & referred to same Committee on the Petition for paving Water Street from Beekmans Slip to Pecks Slip.

Mr Mayor reported to the Board that he had received for 330 Tavern Licences granted by him between the first Day of March 1788 & the first Day of March last at 30/ each the Sum of £495 & that the same is ready for such Disposition as the Board shall direct

Ordered that Mr Mayor retain out of the said Money six Shillings

on each Licence being so much allowed to him by this Board as usual for performing the Duties of his Office as Mayor & that he pay the like Sum on each Licence to the Clerk of this Board for his Services and the Residue to the Treasurer of this City for the use of this Corporation.

Mr Mayor also laid before the Board Accts of Fees by him received as Clerk of the Market from the 1st febv 1787 to the 31st Janv 1788 amounting (after deducting Abm Van Gelders & Rinier Skaats allowance for collectg to the Sum of £580:15/ of which Mr Mayors Moiety is £290:7:6—Also from the 1st febv 1788 to the 1st febv 1789 amountg (after deductg as aforesaid) to £584:0/ 6d of which Mr Mayors Moiety is £292/ & 3d And from Certificates of the auditing Committee (which were also produced) it appears that Mr Mayor had paid the other Moiety of the Amount of said *the said* Fees for the said two Years into the Treasury of this City for the use of this Corporation.

[224] A Petition of the Proprietors of Lots in Chesnut Street (covering a Release from sundry Persons to this Corporation of their Right to the Ground which forms the said Street Also a Release from Evert Bancker to this Corporation of part of a Lot across which the said Chesnut Street passes into Bancker Street) praying an Ordinance for paving the said Street was read & referred to the same Committee as above.

The Persons appointed to make an Estimate & assessment of the regulating & paving of William Street from Fair Street to Beekman Street delivered in the same which was ratified by the Board And John Stagg was appointed to receive the Money & to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street.

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer Ordered that he pay off the Bond, from this Corporation to Isaac Sears decd assigned to Thomas Ten Eyck, as the state of the Revenue Fund shall permit.

On reading a Petition of Peter Webbers confined in Goal as a Delinquent Collector of Taxes setting forth the indigency & distress of his Wife & Children Ordered that they be permitted to go into the Alms House & that the Keeper receive them accordingly.

[225] The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Gozen Ryersen & a Letter from the Treasurer delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board vizt That the House mentioned in the said Petition stands in front of Lambert Moore's Lot at the Whitehall and is an infringement on the Covenants made with Mr Moore and ought to be removed—that Gozen Ryerson built the

said House by consent of Mr Moore and Mr Matthews then Mayor at his own Expence Wherefore it appears reasonable to your Committee that Mr Ryersen be permitted to remove the said Building leaving the Wharf & paying to the Corporation five Pounds for the Window Glass Bricks &c which are added to the Building.

That the Treasurer informed your Committee that Mr Ryersen objected to pay the second and third Years Rent of the Ferry to staten Island—that your Committee have enquired the Cause of such refusal of Mr Ryersen who saith that he did occupy the said Ferry for four Years as stated by the Treasurer, that he only agreed to pay twenty Pounds for the first & last Year each and that the second & third Year were not agreed for and therefore supposed himself not bound to pay for that period Your Committee are of opinion that Mr Ryersen ought to pay for the full four Years

June 10th 1789.

Jeremh Wool
Peter Elting.

[226] The Committee to whom was referred a Memorial of Jeremiah Stone made the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board

"Altho' it appears to your Committee that Jeremiah Stone did agree with a Committee appointed by the Corporation in March 1785 to finish & Repair the House in front of Moor's Wharf at his own expence and pay therefor an annual Rent of twenty five Pounds; it also appears that Mr Stone has been a great sufferer in this House from it's situation by Storms & other casual Accidents Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that Mr Stone ought to have an abatement made him of one Years Rent

Peter Elting
Jeremh Wool"

Ordered that Aldn Wylley & Elting & Mr Nicholson be a Committee to report a plan for conveying the filthy Water from the Alms House Goal & Bridewell with an Estimate of the Expence. And that Aldn Gilbert & Messrs Van Gelder and Janeway be a Committee to report a plan for enclosing the Ground in front of the Alms House &c & putting it into Grass & planting Trees therein with an Estimate of the Expence

[227] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday June 18th 1789.

Present/ James Duane Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Aldn | Jas Nicholson | Assists |
| Jeremh Wool | | Wynant Van Zandt | |
| Peter Elting | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Jos. Pierson | |
| John Wyllcy | | Geo. Janeway | |

A Petition of the Proprietors of Lots in Roosevelt, Cherry & Water Streets on the Subject of opening a Street, through the Ground of Thos White & Danl Latham, from Cherry to Water Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of Montgomerie the North & the Out Wards.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Reade Street praying a Regulation thereof was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward.

A Return of the Election lately held in Montgomerie Ward of an Assessor in the place of James Watson & of a Constable in the place of Thos White decd was read from which it appears that Gerard Walton had a Majority of Votes for Assessor & Joseph Danielson a plurality of Votes for Constable

A Petition of Lawrence Johnson & [228] others complaining "that the Poll was opened after ten O'Clock and closed at twelve O'Clock the same Day—that it has been customary to keep the Poll open at a time of Day when Mechanicks & other Electors could best attend without leaving their Work & not be deprived of that privilege without in some Measure injuring themselves," and praying "that another Day may be appointed for that purpose," was read.

Whereupon the Question was put Whether the Reasons assigned in the said Petition (supposing the same to be true) are such as ought to set the said Election aside" & carried in the Negative.

Whereupon the said Return was approved by the Board.

A Petition of George Seal, who by an Order of this Board of the 25th of febv last was displaced from his Office of one of the firemen of this City, praying to be reinstated in his said Office, together with a Certificate subscribed by all the Members of the Company setting forth his usefulness in the Company and that, on his making satisfactory concessions to the Board for his misconduct towards the Magistrate, it is their Wish that he be reinstated, were respectively read.

[229] And the said George Seal having made satisfactory Conces-

sions for his misconduct & a promise to conduct himself with propriety in future.

Ordered that he be reinstated accordᵍˡʸ

A Petition of Magaret Livingston praying a further Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River was read & referred to Aldⁿ Wylley & Mʳ Janeway.

The Estimate & Assessment for paving Queens Street from the Fly Market to Pecks Slip was read & ratified by the Board And John Stagg was appointed to receive the Monies from the several Persons named in the said Estimate & to superintend the paving of the said Street.

A Petition from the Neighborhood of the Exchange praying the Aid of the Corporation in the finishing of the Market House lately erected there at the Expence of the Neighbourhood was read and thereupon

issued to Aldⁿ Wool

Resolved that this Board grant the Sum of £15 towards finishing the sᵈ Market House And that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrᵗ on the Treasurer to pay it accordingly.

Ordered that the Clerk make out Leases to Wᵐ Snyder for Lot Nº 113 in Chatham Street for 21 Years from 1ˢᵗ May 1787 at £6 per Annum Rent And to Geo. Janeway & Jnº Walters as Executors and for the use of Peter Buyshers Estate for Lot Nº 119 for 21 Years from 1ˢᵗ May 1783 & Lot Nº 101 for the like term from 1ˢᵗ May 1787 at the Rent of £4 Pʳ Annᵐ for each Lot

[230] The Committee appointed to survey the City Hall & report what remained necessary to be done towards it's completion with an Estimate of the Expence made a Report on the Subject.

Whereupon resolved that an application be made to the Bank of New York for a loan of the further Sum of £2000. and that the Directors of the Bank be informed that this Board, on a full and careful Investigation of the Subject and an Estimate of the Expence, have reason to believe this Sum will be competent to the completion of the Repairs & Improvements to the City Hall

Ordered that the same Committee communicate the aforegoing Resolution to the Directors of the Bank.

The Committee appointed to enquire into & report on the propriety of a Drain to convey the filthy Water from the Goal Alms House & Bridewell to the North River delivered in the followᵍ Report vizᵗ

" That in their Opinion such a Drain is very necessary and will be of public Utility to carry off the Nuisance (occasioned by Urine) from

the said Buildings That the most eligible place to lay this Drain is in front of the Buildings outside of the Fence from the East Corner of the Goal in a straight Direction to Murray Street and along Murray Street to the North River—two Conductors & [231] one Reservoir will be necessary at the Goal and one Reservoir & one Conductor at the Bridewell to empty into the main drain the Drain & Conductors to be ten Inches in the clear, the Reservoirs seven feet square all made of yellow Pine free any sap & the tops cross covered—the main Drain will be about two thousand feet long & the Conductors about one hundred & thirty feet each the Materials & Carpenters Work of this Design will cost about one hundred & twenty Pounds, the digging covering &c to be done by the Prisoners confined to hard labor; which your Committee submit to the Board.

John Wylley
Peter Elting
Jas Nicholson"

Ordered that the Surveyors be directed to encrease the Wedth of the *middle Road running through the Common Lands 20 feet that is to say 10 feet on each side & that the same be marked on the Map & deducted from the quantity contained in the several Lots.†

[232] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 24th June 1789

Present/ James Duane Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Jeremh Wool<br>John Wylley<br>Peter Elting | Aldn | Wynant Van Zandt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Jas Nicholson<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Tobias Van Zandt | Assists |

Mr Mayor laid before the Board a Copy of a Report of a joint Committee of the Senate & House of Representatives of the United States appointed to view the Rooms in the City Hall, in which they report "That the two Rooms on the first floor in the southwest Angle of the said Hall are not necessary for the accommodation of Congress and that the Mayor of the City be notified thereof, that the said Rooms may be occupied by such Persons as the Corporation may employ to take charge of the Building."

* Marginal note reads *Manhattan Avenue.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *by an Order of the 17th July this order is changed See P 246.*—Ed.

Thereupon resolved that Rinier Skaats be employed to take the Charge of the City Hall & that he occupy the said two Rooms accordingly.

Ordered that one of the Windows of the said Rooms be converted into a Door And that Conductors be fixed on the City Hall to prevent the Danger from Lightning. And that Messrs T Van Zandt Nicholson & Janeway be a Committee for the purpose.

[233] Ordered that Mr T Van Zandt & Mr Janeway make a Return to this Board of the Materials & Articles remains at the City Hall & that they cause them to be collected & deposited in some safe Place

On reading a Letter from the Commissrs of the Alms House, representing the State of the Alms House & the absolute necessity of £300 being immediately provided to procure necessaries.

Ordered that the Treasurer be requested to negociate a Loan on the Credit of this Board to the amount of that Sum for the above Purpose to be paid out of the first Monies arising from the ensuing Tax for the support of the Poor.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Fly Market complains of the daily obstruction in the Street by the standing a great part of every Day of the Carts belonging to the Persons who attend the Fly Market with Vegitables &c for sale was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the Dock & the Assist of the East Ward.

A Petition of a great number of the Inhabitants complaining of that part of the Law, for regulating the public Markets, which confines the privilege of selling Meat in joint or in pieces to licensed Butchers & to Country People actually occupying Farms by themselves their Agents or Servants; & praying that the said Law in that respect may be repealed; was read & referred to the Aldn of the West, South, & North Wards & the Assists of the East & Montgomerie Wards.

[234] A Petition of some of the Proprietors in John & Gold Streets prays for a new Regulation of the said Streets was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the North & the Assists of the East & Montgomerie Wards.

A Petition of Nichs Bogert Henry Roome & others setting "that the Neighborhood by subscription raised a Sum of Money to purchase the Lot of Ground whereon the Oswego Market is erected—that the Monies raised fell short of the Sum required for which the Petitioners gave their Bond—that there remains due on the said Bond the Sum of £50 for which a Suit is commenced agt some of the Petitioners" & praying the Aid of the Corporation in discharging the said Debt was

read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of the North & Montgomerie Wards.

A Petition of the Proprietors of Lots in Beaver Lane pray$^{s}$ that the same may be regulated; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the West Ward.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Rutgers Street for permission to sink a Well in the Street and the usual Allowance towards it; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the Out Ward who if they conceive the Well necessary will direct the place where it should be sunk.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

[235] "Your Committee on the Case of Peter Mesier Do report that from the appraizement of M$^{r}$ Mesiers Lots made by Evert Bancker on the part of the Corporation & James A Stewart on the part of M$^{r}$ Mesier dated the 29$^{th}$ April 1785 it appears that his loss was estimated at £1400/ which Sum in the Opinion of your Committee the Corporation were bound to pay him in six Months after the date of the said Appraizement: But as M$^{r}$ Mesier has occupied & had the possession of the Ground until about the 1$^{st}$ May 1787 Your Committee are of Opinion that he be allowed Interest at five per Cent from that Day.

Wm W Gilbert
Peter Elting
Wynant Van Zandt"

Ordered that a Bond or Bonds from this Corporation to Peter Mesier, for the am$^{t}$ of the said Sum with Interest as mentioned in the said Report, be made out—that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that M$^{r}$ Mayor sign the same on behalf of this Board.

Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert reported to the Board a Survey for the Regulation of the pitching of Greenwich Street from Barclay to Murray Street, Also a Survey for the regulation of the pitching of Reade Street; which were respectively approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed.

An Ordinance entitled "A Law for the paving of Greenwich Street from Barclay Street to Murray Street" was then read & passed.

[236] Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert from the Committee delivered in the following Report viz$^{t}$

"Your Committee appointed to take into consideration & report the Sum which the Episcopal Church ought to pay on their obtaining a Grant for the Triangular Piece of Ground at the junction of the Post & Bloomingdale Roads Do report that a Grant be made to the said

Church of the said Piece of Ground subject to the annual Rent of fourteen Pounds to commence from the first Day of May 1784.

Wm W Gilbert
Jas Nicholson
Wynant Van Zandt"

The said Report being taken into Consideration & the Question being put whether the Board did agree thereto it was carried in the Negative as follows

| for the Affirmative | for the Negative |
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| Mr Nicholson | Aldn Elting |
| Mr Van Gelder | Aldn Bayard |
| Aldn Gilbert | Aldn Wool |
| Mr W Van Zandt | Mr Janeway |
| | Mr T Van Zandt |
| | Aldn Wylley |
| | Mr Quackenbos |

A motion was then made for granting the said Piece of Ground on an annual Rent of eighteen Pounds & carried in the Affirmtive vizt

| for the Affirmative | | for the Negative |
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| Aldn Elting | Mr T Van Zandt | Aldn Bayard |
| Aldn Wylley | Mr Van Gelder | Aldn Gilbert |
| Aldn Wool | Mr Quackenbos | Mr Janeway |
| Mr Nicholson | Mr W Van Zandt | |

[237] Ordered that the Clerk inform the Corporation of the said Church of the said Terms & if they will accept of a Grant on the said Terms that he prepare the same accordingly

Aldn Elting informed the Board that he had applied to the Directors of the Bank for a further Loan of Monies to compleat the Improvements to the City Hall & that they had signified their unwillingness to advance any more than £1000 which remains due to the Corporation on the last Bond.

Ordered that the Commissioners who superintended the Improvements & Repairs of the City Hall be requested to deliver their Accts thereof to the Treasurer to the End that he may examine the same & report the Amount to the Board And that Mr Nicholson be appointed to enquire where £1200 can be obtained on loan on the Credit of this Corporation & that he be authorized to borrow that Sum accordingly for the purposes of compleating the said Repairs & Improvements & discharging the Demands of sundry Persons agt the said Commissioners for Work & Materials

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the West Ward & the Assistt

of the North Ward be a Committee to examine into the Necessity of filling up part of Murray Street Slip & if in their Opinion it should appear necessary that they report to the Board an Estimate of the Expence.

[238] The following Report was read & approved by the Board viz[t]

"Your Committee appointed to superintend the Sale of the Common Lands report that they have attended the Sale of the several Lots, mentioned in the Acc[t] Sales thereof rendered by the Treasurer, at public Auction viz[t]

| Number of Lots | Quantity | To whom sold. | Price. | Am[t]. |
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| | Ac. | | | |
| 1 | 5 .. .. | Gilbert Willett | £21 105 ... | |
| 2 | 5 .. .. | D[o] | D[o] 105 ... | 210 ... ... |
| 34 | 5 2 18 | Casper Semler | 30 ... ... | 168 7 6 |
| 35 | 4 3 13 | Nicholas Cruger | 30 ... ... | 144 18 9 |
| 38 | 5 .. .. | Thomas B. Atwood | 26 130 ... | |
| 40 | 5 .. .. | D[o] | D[o] 130 ... | |
| 42 | 5 .. .. | D[o] | 25 125 ... | 385 ... ... |
| 44 | 5 .. .. | Thomas Buchannan | 25 125 ... | |
| 46 | 5 .. .. | D[o] | D[o] 125 ... | |
| 48 | 5 .. .. | D[o] | D[o] 125 ... | 375 ... ... |
| 143 | 7 2 .. | Tho[s] B Atwood | 26 195 ... | |
| 144 | 5 3 .. | D[o] | D[o] 149 10 | |
| 145 | 6 2 .. | D[o] | 25 162 10 | 507 ... ... |
| 146 | 7 2 .. | Tho[s] Buchannan | 25 187 10 | |
| 147 | 8 .. .. | D[o] | D[o] 200 ... | |
| 148 | 9 1 .. | D[o] | D[o] 231 5 | 618 15 ... |
| | | | | £2409 1 3 |

And your Committee do further report that they have sold at private Sale the following Lots to the follow[g] Persons at the follow[g] Prices viz[t]

Acres R P

Lots N[o] 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 contain[g] 25 00 37 at £30 per Acre to Tho[s] B. Atwood amount[g] to £756:18:9

A R P.

Lots N[o] 3, 4, 10, & 11 contain[g] 19 3 30 (to Gilbert C Willet) amount[g] to £697:16:3 at £35 P[r] Acre

[239] And your Committee do further Report the Articles to be

executed by the Corporation & the said Purchasors agreable to the Order of this Board of the 3d April last

Peter Elting
Wm W Gilbert
Wynant Van Zandt"

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Articles & that they be delivered to the said Purchasors on their executing the counterparts.

Ordered that in addition to the order of the 18th the Surveyors be directed to ascertain the exact Quantity of Land contained in the Lots sold and survey the post Road opposite to the Lots sold to Mr Buchannan & give it it's due wedth.

Resolved that Mr Mayor be requested to convene this Board to Morrow to take into consideration the expediency of a farther Sale of the said Common Lands.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasury to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums in full of their respective Accts viz[t]

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| issued | The Overseers of public Wells & Pumps in Montgomerie Ward for Repairs | £4:17:— |
| issued | The like of the Out Ward | 5: 7:— |
| issued | The like of the North Ward | 8:16:— |
| issued | Gozen Ryersen for Repairs to White Hall Wharf & Ferry Stairs | 67: 6:11 |
| issued | Aldn Elting for expences of the Committee on the Common Lands | 1:16: 6 |
| issued | Stewart & Jones for Paint & Oil | 13: 2:— |

[240] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 25th June 1789

Present/ James Duane Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Peter Elting<br>John Wylley<br>Jeremh Wool | Aldn | Wynt Van Zandt<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Jas Nicholson<br>Geo. Janeway | Assists |

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the expediency of a farther Sale of the Common Lands Whereupon it was agreed that the follows Lots should be sold at Auction on the 16th July next viz[t] Lots No 12, 13, 15, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 33—Mr Janeway voted agt the selling of Lot No 33.

Ordered that the same Committee view the said Lots & report their value

[241] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 30th June 1789

Present/ James Duane Mayor

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| Nichs Bayard | Aldn | Jas Nicholson | Assistts |
| Jeremh Wool | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Wynant Van Zandt | |
| Peter Elting | | George Janeway | |
| John Wyllcy | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| | | Joseph Pierson | |
| | | John Quackenboss | |

Hugh Montgomery was admitted & sworn a free Man of this City

Ordered that an Election be held at Pecks Slip Market in Montgomerie Ward on Monday next of a Collector in the place of Christian Will decd

Aldn Bayard delivered in a Report & Maps of the Regulation of Chesnut Street & Oliver Street which were approved of by the Board and ordered to be filed.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for filling in the said Oliver Street accordingly And that an Ordinance for paving Chesnut Street be also prepared.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance to prevent the Streets at the public Markets being incommoded & obstructed by the standing of Carts & the irregular standing of the People with their Garden produce.

[242] Ordered that Aldn & Assistts of the Out & North Wards be a Committee to view and report on the State of Chatham Street.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistts of the South & Dock Wards be a Committee to take order & direct the removal of the Butchers &c out of the Exchange & to regulate the standings in the new Market lately erected there.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the West & the Assist of the East Ward be a Committee to take order for the removal of the *fœderal Ship out of the Bowling Green—to have the Fence repaired & to let out the Bowling Green.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the Dock Ward & the Assist of the East Ward be a Committee to view the State of the Brooklyn Ferry Wharf & to report the Repairs necessary with an Estimate of the expence.

* Marginal note reads *Federal Ship Hamilton used in the procession on the adoption of the New Constitution by the State of New York.*—Ed.

[243] City of New York } At a Common Council held on Thursday July 9th 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert | Aldn | Abm Van Gelder |
| Jeremh Wool | | Wynt Van Zandt |
| Peter Elting | | Joseph Pierson |
| John Wyllcy | | Jno Quackenbos |

The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of filling up part of Murray Slip reported that it ought to be done & that the expence would amount to £15

Ordered that the same Committee direct a bulkhead to be made in the said Slip & the same to be filled up accordingly

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition complains of the obstructions in the lower part of Greenwich reported the Names of the Proprietors of the several Buildings & Fences which obstruct the said Street and which in their Opinion ought to be removed.

Thereupon ordered that the High Constable notify the said several Persons that unless the said Obstructions be removed by the first day of August next this Board will take the necessary Measures for compells them.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Dock Ward view the State of the Old & Coenties Slips & report the Repairs necessary with an Estimate of the Expence

[244] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 17th July 1789

Present/ Richard Varick Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert | Aldn | Wynant Van Zandt | Assistts |
| Peter Elting | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wyllcy | | Geo. Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| | | John Quackenbos | |

A Petition for a Well in Prince Street at the Corner of Rhinelanders Sugar House was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the North & Montgomerie Wards.

A Petition for the paving of Vesey Street was read & granted Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

A Petition for the new paving of Hanover Square was read & postponed

A Petition for the new paving of Beekman Street from Gold to W^m Street was read & referred to the Committee on the Petition for paving Beekman Street from Gold to Queen Street.

[245] The Committee appointed to view the State of Chatham Street reported that it ought to be paved and presented a Survey thereof which was approved by the Board & filed.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for paving the said Street from Queens Street to forty feet South of the Corner of Tryon Row.

A Petition of William Bockee & others praying that the Petition of Thomas Ash and others for a new regulation of John's Street may not be granted was read & referred to the Committee on the last mentioned Petition.

Ald^n Bayard presented to the Board a Survey of Catharine Street from William Street to Cherry Street; which was approved by the Board & filed.

Ordered that the Treasurer, in settling with W^m Grinding, for the Rent of the House in front of Moores Wharf, remit him one Quarters Rent.

The Estimates & Assessments of the Expence of paving first or front Street from the Old to Coenties Slips and also Barclay Street were respectively read & ratified by the Board

Ordered that John Stagg be appointed to receive the Monies & superintend the paving of the first and Andrew Thompson of the latter of the said Streets.

[246] The Committee appointed to superintend the further Sales of the Common Lands agreable to the order of the 25^th June last reported that the follow^g Lots had been sold at Auction to the following Persons viz^t

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| Lots N^o 12 & 13 contain^g 9^A-3^R-31^P to Sam^l Nicoll @ £32 P Acre... | £318: 4 |
| N^o 15 & 23 contain^g 9^A-2^R-32^P to Henry Shute @ £35 P^r Acre..... | 339:10 |
| N^o 27 cont^g 5 Acres to Jn^o Thompson @ £27 P^r Acre..... | 135:— |
| N^o 28 cont^g 5 Acres to Mich^l M^cLachlen @ £29/10 p^r Acre..... | 147:10 |
| N^o 29 & 30 contain^g 10 Acres to John Thompson..... | 200:— |
| | £1140: 4 |

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Articles of Sale to be executed between this Corporation & the said Purchasors

It being suggested to the Board that D^r Sam^l Nicoll would purchase the Fee of Lots N^o 14 & 24 @ £35 P^r Acre

Ordered that the Committee conclude the Bargain with D^r Nicoll for the said Lots.

On a reconsideration of the *Order of the 18th June last Ordered that the additional Wedth to the middle Road of 20 feet be taken from the Lots on the East side of the Road instead of ten feet from the Lots on each side as directed by the said former Order.

[247] Ordered that the Committee take the necessary Measures for running out & ascertaining the boundary Line between the proprietors of the Lands between the East River & the Common Lands.

Ordered that the following Persons be appointed Fire Men of this City viz[t]

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| Engine N° 13 | John Bockee ..... | vice Adolph Degrove resigned |
| N° 11: | Dan[l] Lawrence ..... | vice Ja[s] McCullen dec[d] |
| N° 10: | Martin Morison ..... | vice W[m] Collester resigned |
| N° 12: | Ab[m] Bloodgood ..... | vice John Walters d° |
| N° 12 | Ab[m] Franklin ..... | vice Donald McKay d° |
| Hooks & Ladder Comp[y] N° 1 | Geo. Cliland.. | vice Fred[k] Stymets d° |

Ald[n] Elting produced to the Board a List of Persons who subscribed to the late additions to the Fly Market & who have hitherto refused or neglected to pay their respective Subscriptions amount[s] to £54 Ordered that he commence Suits at the risque of this Corporation, against the said Persons for the recovery of the respective Sums by them subscribed.

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| issued | Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay Ald[n] Elting for the Expences of the Common Land Com[tee] ..... | £1: 3:— |
| issued | The Overseers of the public Wells & Pumps in the North Ward for Repairs ..... | 5:16: 6 |
| issued | The like in the South Ward ..... | 2: 2: 6 |
| issued | Dunlap & Van Nostrandt for cleaning & repairing a Well in Lumber Street ..... | 6: 6: 7 |

[248] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 21[st] July 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Recorder

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| W[m] W Gilbert | Ald[n] | Tobias Van Zandt | Assist[ts] |
| Jerem[h] Wool | | Joseph Pierson | |
| Peter Elting | | Ab[m] Van Gelder | |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | John Quackenbos | |
| John Wylley | | M[r] Janeway | |
| | | M[r] Win[t] Van Zandt | |

The Board having been convened on Account of some Difficulties which had arisen among the Inhabitants relative to the circulating

*Marginal note reads *see P 231.*—ED.

Copper Coin and several of the principal Merchants, having attended at the Request of Mr Recorder, gave the Board their Information and Advice on the Subject Whereupon the following Determination took place

"Whereas great Inconveniencies have arisen to the Inhabitants of this City by the Depreciation of the present circulating Copper Coin, occasioned by the Importation thereof from the neighboring States in some of which, this Board is informed, the same is estimated at a much less [249] value than it hath for some time passed at in this City: And this Board conceiving it their Duty to interpose their Advice on this Interesting Occasion Do recommend it to the Inhabitants of this City to receive and pay the said Coin at the Rate of forty eight Coppers for one Shilling"

Ordered that the foregoing be published

Be it ordained that, by reason of the Depreciation of the Copper Coin in this City, the Inspectors of fire or cord Wood be and they are hereby allowed & authorized to demand & receive, for Inspecting, the Sum of eight Coppers for each Load the one half to be paid by the Buyer and the other half by the Seller.

The Clerk presented to the Board the Articles of Sale of the Lots of Common Lands reported at the last Meeting; which were approved of by the Board and Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Recorder subscribe the same on behalf of this Board, to be delivered to the respective Purchasors on their executing the counterparts thereof

A Survey for the regulation of Hanover Square and a Survey for the regulation of Beaver Lane were presented to the Board approved & filed

An Ordinance for the paving of Hanover Square—An Ordinance for the paving of Vesey Street—And an Ordinance for the paving of Chatham Street were respectively read & passed

[250] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday July 29th 1789

Present/ James Duane Mayor
Richard Varick Recorder

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| Nichs Bayard | Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistts |
| Jeremh Wool | | Winant Van Zandt | |
| Peter Elting | | Abm Van Gelder | |
| John Wylley | | John Quackenbos | |
| | | Joseph Pierson | |
| | | George Janeway | |

Mr Mayor informed the Board that the Govr intended to Morrow Mornr to view the Fort and Battery to see what may be necessary to be done towards opening & continuing the Broad Way through the same, and that it was his wish that the Members of this Board would attend.

Resolved that this Board will attend the Governor accordingly.

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer relative to Copper Coin to the Amt of £25 by him recd on acct of the Revenue Fund previous to the late alteration of their value. Ordered that he dispose of the said Coin to the best advantage & charge the loss to the City Fund

[251] And also that he receive from Richard Furman Collector of the Out Ward the Sum of £13 in the said Copper Coin; which he received for Taxes, and that he dispose thereof in like manner.

On reading a Petition of John Graham Admr of David McConnoughy Ordered that the Treasurer pay any ballce which may be due to the Estate of the said David McConnoughy to his legal Representative

Two Petitions the one that Mulberry Street may be so regulated as to lead the Water into Fresh Water Pond and the other that the Water from that Street may not be lead through Roosevelts Street; were read & referred to the Aldn and Assists of the Out, North & West Wards and the Assistt of Montgomerie Ward.

A Petition of Jeremiah Stone for a Remission of Rent of the House at Moor's Wharf was read & rejected.

A Petition for the Regulation of Chambers Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward.

A Petition of John Gilbert for a Remission of on the Rent due for the Magazine; was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the Dock & South Wards.

Aldn Elting from the Committee reported an Estimate amountg to £32 for repairing the Wharf at Brooklyn Ferry. Ordered that the Committee get it done not to exceed that Sum.

[252] The Committees on the several Petitions for new paving Beekmans Street from Gold to Queens Street—Water Street from Burlings to Beekmans Slip And from Beekmans to Pecks Slip reported that the Prayers be granted Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Ordinances accordingly.

The Surveys of Water Street as above for the Regulation thereof were presented & approved of by the Bd

The Committee on the Petition for a Well in Prince Street at the Corner of Rhinelanders Sugar House reported that the usual Allowance be granted for a pump in the said Well when the same shall be compleated; which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Committee appointed to obtain a Survey of Chatham from St James to Division Street be directed to obtain a genl Survey of all the Streets in the vicinity whose Regulation will be affected by the Regulation of Chatham Street.

Be it ordained that the Inspectors of Cord or fire Wood be & they are hereby allowed and authorized to demand & receive for inspecting each Load two Pence half Penny.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasury to pay the followg Persons the followg Sums vizt

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| issued | James Robinson for Repairs to Fly Market..... | £31:17: 1 |
| issued | Henry Shute for Repairs to Roads..... | £55:11:— |
| issued | George Janeway for Repairs to Goal..... | £11: 9:— |
| issued | Wynt Van Zandt for filling in the Street at Fly Market. | £0:12:— |
| issued | Stewart & Jones for Paint & Oil..... | 11:10: 7 |
| issued | Francis Child as Clerk of Election..... | 0:16:— |
| issued | Wynt Van Zandt & Peter McKee Overseers of Wells & Pumps in the Dock Wd for Repairs..... | 11:19: 6 |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting Lamps from 26th March to the 26th June..... | 98:14: 8 |

[254] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday July 30th 1789

Present/ James Duane Mayor
Richard Varick Recorder

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| Wm W Gilbert | Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assistt |
| Nichs Bayard | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |
| Peter Elting | | | |

The Board having at the request of the Governor attended him to view the Ground at the Fort & Battery; which by concurrent Resolu-

tions of the Senate and Assembly are reserved for public use and for continuing the Broad Way through to the River

Mr Mayor communicated to the Board that the Governer had proposed to remove so much of the Fort as obstructed the Line of the Broad Way to the River at the Expence of the State and signified that it would be proper for this Corporation to run a Wharf or Bulkhead in the River, along the Battery from Ells Corner to the Flat Rock, to the receive the Earth to be removed from the Fort & to enlarge the Area of the Battery

[255] Whereupon resolved that this Board will run a Wharf or Bulkhead in manner as above is suggested.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistts of the South & West Wards & Mr Janeway be a Committee to procure a Person to make the said Wharf on Contract & to report an Estimate of the Expence—as soon as possible.

It being suggested that Mr Nicholson had in his Hands a Sum of Money arising from the Sale of Stone brought from the Battery to the City Hall. Ordered that Mr Mayor be requested to obtain the said Money from Mr Nicholson, on such indemnification as he may require from this Board, to be appropriated to the painting & compleating such parts of the City Hall as may be necessary for it's preservation And that Messrs Tobias Van Zandt & Janeway be a Committee to direct the Business.

[256] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 3d Day of Augt 1789

Present/ James Duane Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assistts |
| Jeremh Wool | | Wynant Van Zandt | |
| Peter Elting | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Wyllcy | | George Janeway | |

Ordered that Aldn Elting & Messrs Van Zandt & Janeway be a Committee to examine & audit the Commissrs Accts

Mr Mayor with the other Members proceeded to visit the two Houses.

Aldn Elting reported that they had examined the Accts of the
Alms House for the last Quarter amounts to..... £878:14
and of the Bridewell amounts to..... 111:17:11

An Estimate for the Alms House for the ensuing Quarter amount$^{g}$ to £1200:— was presented by the Commiss$^{rs}$ & agreed to

issued Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer for the paym$^{t}$ thereof accordingly.

issued Ordered the like to pay W$^{m}$ Sloo—Keeper of the Bridewell the Sum of £24:2:6 to be by him paid to the several Constables & Marshalls for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell from 1$^{st}$ May to 1$^{st}$ Inst

The Clerk presented according to order "A Law for the new paving of Water Street from Burlings Slip to Pecks Slip" which was read & passed.

[257] City of New York } At a Common Council held on Wednesday Aug$^{t}$ 12$^{th}$ 1789.

Present/ James Duane Mayor

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| W$^{m}$ W Gilbert | Ald$^{n}$ | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder | Assist$^{ts}$ |
| Jerem$^{h}$ Wool | | John Quackenbos | |
| John Wylley | | Joseph Pierson | |
| Peter Elting | | James Nicholson | |

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Ferry Street praying that the Sand & Filth brought into & lodged in the said Street by every great fall of Rain may be removed at the public Expence; was read

Resolved that the Application is improper & that no Relief can be given.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert be added to the Committee on the Petitions relative to a new regulation of John's Street and that the Committee direct the Surveyors to make a Survey of the intended Improvement of the said Street with an Eye to the Broad Way & the other Streets which may be affected by the Improvement

Ordered that as many of the Vagrants (confined in Bridewell & sentenced to hard labor out of Door) as the Ald$^{n}$ of the South W$^{d}$ & the Assist$^{t}$ of the East W$^{d}$ shall require be employed in clearing out the Drains lead$^{g}$ under the Exchange & Fly Market

[258] The follow$^{g}$ Law was read & passed viz$^{t}$

"A Law to regulate the public Markets within this City and to repeal the Laws therein mentioned."

The Committee on the Subject of the erecting a Wharf or Bulkhead at the Battery to receive the Earth to be taken from the Fort reported to the Board several Plans with Estimates of the Expence

Whereupon it was determined by the Board that a Wharf or Bulk-

head be erected on a Line from the Corner of Kennedy's Wharf to the North W$^{t}$ Bastion of the Battery.

Ordered that the same Committee take Order for the immediate erection of the said Wharf in the most œconomical & best manner; reporting to the Board from time to time their progress in the Business.

Ald$^{n}$ Gilbert having at his request been excused from any further attendance on the said Committee

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Elting be added thereto in his stead.

A Survey of Beekman Street from Queen Street to William Street was approved by the Board & ordered to be filed.

Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for paving the said Street from Queen Street to Gold Street

Resolved that in future no Person under the Age of thirty Years be appointed [259] to the Office of a Fire Man of this City.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Daniel Phœnix for a quantity of Lamp Oil by him bought of Willson Rawson..... | £82: 9: 2 |
| issued | Mich$^{l}$ Brooks for paint$^{g}$ City Hall..... | 3: 8: 4 |
| issued | & Joseph Beck for sweeping Chimnies at the Goal & Bridewell ..... | 1:10:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 19$^{th}$ Day of Aug$^{t}$ 1789

Present/ James Duane Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Ald$^{n}$ | Geo. Janeway |
| Peter Elting | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| John Wylley | | Wyn$^{t}$ Van Zandt |
| Nich$^{s}$ Bayard | | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder |
| Jerem$^{h}$ Wool | | Joseph Pierson |

Assist$^{ts}$

M$^{r}$ Mayor presented to the Board a Paper subscribed by the Governor & directed to M$^{r}$ Nicholson wherein his Ex$^{cy}$ signifies his Desire that M$^{r}$ Nicholson deliver the Monies, in his Hands, arising from the Stone taken from the Battery for the use of the City Hall, to this Corporation to be by them paid into the State Treasury if required by the Legislature.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Nicholson be requested to pay the said Monies to Mess$^{rs}$ T Van Zandt & Janeway towards paint$^{g}$ &$^{c}$ the City Hall.

[260] A Petition of D$^{r}$ Thomas Jones relative to his House which was indicted at the last Sessions as a great obstruction & nuizance in Barclay Street; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the West & North Wards.

The Committee on the Common Lands reported on the Petition of Dr Saml Nicoll "that in their Opinion the two Lots No 14 & 24, which he holds under Lease at Inchlambergh, should be granted to him in fee on the same Terms as the Lands were lately sold at Auction at the rate of £28 Pr Acre Provided all the Arrears of Rent be first paid up;" which Report was agreed to by the Board.

A Survey of Chambers Street was approved of by the Board & filed.

The Committee appointed to take order for the erection of the Wharf at the Battery reported an Estimate of Elias Burger Junr at £378 which was approved by the Board.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Articles of Agreemt between Mr Burger & this Corporation—that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to one of the parts & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same to be delivered to Mr Burger on his executing & delivering the other part

[261] The Clerk according to order, presented to the Board the following Law; which being read & considered by Paragraphs was passed & ordered to be published vizt "A Law to regulate the ringing or tolling of the Bells of the Several Churches in this City for Funerals"

The followg three Laws were also presented and passed vizt

"A Law for the regulation and filling in of Oliver Street."

"A Law for the new paving of Beekman Street from Queen Street to Gold Street."

"A Law for the paving of Chesnut Street."

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Rinier Skaats for 1 Qr Services as Door Keeper & Messenger to the 15th Inst. £6:5 & for extra Service £3:15— Also for his Acct disbursemts £2:1:8. amountg in the whole to..... | £12: 1: 8 |
| issued | Jona Sturges Junr for copying & carrying out the Poundage of Tax Books..... | £12:—:— |
| issued | Jona Lawrence for Boat Oars &c..... | 1:14: 3 |

[262] City of New York } At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 26th Day of Augt 1789

Present/ James Duane Mayor

Aldn: Peter Elting, Nichs Bayard, Jeremh Wool, John Wylley

Assistts: Abm Van Gelder, Geo. Janeway, Tobias Van Zandt, Wynant Van Zandt, John Quackenbos

Petitions for the paving of Front Street from the Fly Market to Burlings Slip. Dock Street from the Old Slip to Counties Lane, and Smith Street from Wall Street to Duke Street; were respectively read & referred to the Aldn & Assistts of the Dock & East Wards.

Estimates and Assessments for paving the following Streets were respectively read & ratified by the Board vizt

Greenwich Street from Barclay Street to Murray Street.

Vesey Street.

Front Street from Kings Street to the Fly Market.

Ordered that John Stagg superintend the paving of the first mentioned or Greenwich Street & that Robert Dale receive the Money That James Brown superintend & receive the Money on the 2d or Vesey Street and that George Gosman superintend & receive the Money on the 3d or Front Street

[263] On reading a Petition of Jeremh Stone agt whom the Treasurer hath commenced a Suit for a Debt due to this Corporation.

Ordered that Execution agt him be stayed for three Months.

The Committee appointed to obtain a Survey of the several Streets in the vicinity of Chatham Street and which will be affected by the regulation of that Street delivered in Surveys of the Bowery Road, Bayard Street Mulberry Street & Mall Streets; which were respectively approved of by the Board & filed

The same Committee also delivered in the former Survey of Chatham Street from St James's to Division Street which was also approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed.

And it being represented to the Board that it would be very inconvenient as well as inexpedient to order the immediate digging out & regulating of the said Streets

It is ordered that the same Committee obtain a Survey for a temporary Regulation of the West side of Chatham Street so as to take down as much of the Bank, without injuring the Houses, as may be indispensably necessary towards rendering the said Street more uniform & convenient.

Street to Dock Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the Dock & East Wards.

A Petition from several of the Inhabitants of Chatham Street praying that the paving of the said Street as lately directed be done at the public Expence was read and referred to the Aldn & Assistts of the North & Out Wards & Aldn Gilbert.

Ordered that Andrew Thompson be appointed to superintend the paving of Greenwich Street in the stead of John Stagg

[267] The Committee on the Petition for paving Front Street from the Fly Market to Burlings Slip, reported that the Prayer ought to be granted. They also presented a Survey for the Regulation of the said Street which was approved of by the Board and ordered to be filed.

Ordered that an Ordinance for paving the said Street be prepared accordingly

The Committee on the Petitions for & against the new Regulation & paving of John Street from the Broad Way to Gold Street reported a Survey for the new Regulation & paving of the said Street which was approved of by the Board and ordered to be filed.

Ordered that an Ordinance for the new Regulation & paving of the said Street be prepared accordingly.

Aldn Bayard presented to the Board a Survey for digging out, filling in and levelling of Mulberry Street; which was approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed

Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for levelling the said Street accordingly

Aldn Gilbert from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Dr Thomas Jones, concerning his House, in Barclay Street which was indicted & adjudged, by the Court of Genl Sessions of the Peace, as a nuisance by standing on part of the Street and ordered to be removed, made a Verbal Report on [268] the Subject; Whereupon the Sense of the Board was taken Whether this Board ought to make Compensation to Dr Jones for the Loss he will sustain to his House & Ground in consequence of the widening of the Street; and it passed in the Negative

The Committee to whom it was referred to enquire into the Disorders which continue in that part of the Fly Market which was set apart for the Country People reported a new Law for regulating the public Markets & for repealing the Laws heretofore passed on that Subject; which said Law was read & considered by the Board and passed.

Ordered that the Committee on the Petition of Henry Rutgers for

a Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River in front of part of his Land in the Out Ward, be discharged and that the said Petition be referred to the Ald[n] & Assist[ts] of the Out, Mont[g] & the North Wards to report on.

Peter P. Van Zandt attended the B[d] & presented a Paper stating certain Facts relative to his Claim of the Right of Wharfage in front of his Lot at Burlings Slip & containing a proposal, for compromising the Dispute, by permit[g] him to run out a Pier on the West side of the Slip with the Right of Wharfage for a certain time

Ordered that this Subject be taken into consideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

[269] Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treas-
issued urer to advance Elias Burger £100 on Acc[t] of his Contract for erecting the Wharf at the Battery.

And to pay Evert Bancker Jun[r] the Sum of £14: 14/ for sur-
issued veying & regulating Streets.

The Clerk presented to the B[d] the Draft of a Grant to Wynant Van Zandt of the Soil under Water in the East River 200 feet in front of his Lot between The Fly Market Slip & Burlings Slip; which was read & ordered to be engrossed.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 16th day of Sept[r] 1789.

Present/ James Duane Esq[r] Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Abm Van Gelder |
| Peter Elting | | James Nicholson |
| Jeremh Wool | | Joseph Pierson |
| John Wylley | | Wynant Van Zandt |
| Nichs Bayard | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| | | John Quackenbos |
| | | George Janeway |

Assist[ts]

Peter Deschent
Andrew Blanck
Abm Brower
were admitted & sworn free Men of this City.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to make a Settlement of the Accounts between this Corporation & Theophilus Anthony in such manner & upon such principles as to him shall appear just & equitable.

Mess[rs] Daniel Dunscomb & Thomas Arden attended the Board and presented a Petition [270] against the late regulation of Mulberry

Street to Dock Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assists of the Dock & East Wards.

A Petition from several of the Inhabitants of Chatham Street praying that the paving of the said Street as lately directed be done at the public Expence was read and referred to the Aldn & Assists of the North & Out Wards & Aldn Gilbert.

Ordered that Andrew Thompson be appointed to superintend the paving of Greenwich Street in the stead of John Stagg

[267] The Committee on the Petition for paving Front Street from the Fly Market to Burlings Slip, reported that the Prayer ought to be granted. They also presented a Survey for the Regulation of the said Street which was approved of by the Board and ordered to be filed.

Ordered that an Ordinance for paving the said Street be prepared accordingly

The Committee on the Petitions for & against the new Regulation & paving of John Street from the Broad Way to Gold Street reported a Survey for the new Regulation & paving of the said Street which was approved of by the Board and ordered to be filed.

Ordered that an Ordinance for the new Regulation & paving of the said Street be prepared accordingly.

Aldn Bayard presented to the Board a Survey for digging out, filling in and levelling of Mulberry Street; which was approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed

Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for levelling the said Street accordingly

Aldn Gilbert from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Dr Thomas Jones, concerning his House, in Barclay Street which was indicted & adjudged, by the Court of Genl Sessions of the Peace, as a nuisance by standing on part of the Street and ordered to be removed, made a Verbal Report on [268] the Subject; Whereupon the Sense of the Board was taken Whether this Board ought to make Compensation to Dr Jones for the Loss he will sustain to his House & Ground in consequence of the widening of the Street; and it passed in the Negative

The Committee to whom it was referred to enquire into the Disorders which continue in that part of the Fly Market which was set apart for the Country People reported a new Law for regulating the public Markets & for repealing the Laws heretofore passed on that Subject; which said Law was read & considered by the Board and passed.

Ordered that the Committee on the Petition of Henry Rutgers for

a Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River in front of part of his Land in the Out Ward, be discharged and that the said Petition be referred to the Aldn & Assistts of the Out, Montg & the North Wards to report on.

Peter P. Van Zandt attended the Bd & presented a Paper stating certain Facts relative to his Claim of the Right of Wharfage in front of his Lot at Burlings Slip & containing a proposal, for compromising the Dispute, by permitg him to run out a Pier on the West side of the Slip with the Right of Wharfage for a certain time

Ordered that this Subject be taken into consideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

[269] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treas-
issued urer to advance Elias Burger £100 on Acct of his Contract for erecting the Wharf at the Battery.

And to pay Evert Bancker Junr the Sum of £14: 14/ for sur-
issued veying & regulating Streets.

The Clerk presented to the Bd the Draft of a Grant to Wynant Van Zandt of the Soil under Water in the East River 200 feet in front of his Lot between The Fly Market Slip & Burlings Slip; which was read & ordered to be engrossed.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 16th day of Septr 1789.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assistts |
| Peter Elting | | James Nicholson | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wylley | | Wynant Van Zandt | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| | | John Quackenbos | |
| | | George Janeway | |

Peter Deschent
Andrew Blanck
Abm Brower } were admitted & sworn free Men of this City.

Ordered that the Treasurer be authorized and directed to make a Settlement of the Accounts between this Corporation & Theophilus Anthony in such manner & upon such principles as to him shall appear just & equitable.

Messrs Daniel Dunscomb & Thomas Arden attended the Board and presented a Petition [270] against the late regulation of Mulberry

Street; and, after having made some observations on the impropriety of the said Regulation, withdrew.

Thereupon ordered that the said Petition be referred to the Committee who lately reported the said Regulation of the said Street

A Petition of Jacob Brewerton praying the application of Peter P Van Zandt to run out a pier at Burlings Slip may not be granted was read And thereupon Ordered that the Consideration of the said Petition be postponed until the Committee on Peter Van Zandts Claim to the Water Lot in front of his Lot at Burlings Slip do report & that the said Committee be directed to report at the next Meeting of the Bd

On reading a Petition of the Inhabitants of Dock Street Ordered that they be permitted at the expence of the Neighborhood to fill up the old & sink a new Well in such part of that Street as the Aldn & Assistt of the Ward shall direct.

Ordered that whenever the Overseers of the public Wells & pumps neglect or refuse to do their Duty that the Aldn & Assist of the Ward direct the necessary Repairs; lest by the Want of Water from the public Wells and Pumps the City may be endangered in case of Fire.

[271] A Survey of the temporary Regulation of Chatham Street from St James Street to Division Street in the Out Ward was presented and approved of by the Board & filed.

An Estimate & Assessment for the digging and levelling of the said Street agreable to the said Regulation was read & ratified by the Board And Samuel Maghee was appointed to superintend the Work & to receive from the several Persons in the said Assessment named the Sums at which they are respectively assessed.

The respective Committees on the Petitions for & against the new paving of Smith Street from King Street to Crown Street & from Wall Street to Duke Street and the Petition for the new paving of the same Street from Duke street reported that an Ordinance ought to be prepared accordingly; which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Ordinances accordingly And also for the paving of Church Street & the Street at the end of the Oswego Market.

The Board proceeded to appoint Inspectors of the ensuing Election for Charter Officers & the Places for holding the Elections & the following Persons & places were appointed & fixed accordgly

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| South Ward..... | Simon Schermerhorne ..... | Exchange |
| Dock Ward..... | Nicholas Hoffman ..... | Francis's Tavern |
| East Ward..... | Andrew Hamersly ..... | Coffee House |
| West Ward..... | Nicholas Bogert ..... | Oswego Market |

North Ward.....James J Beekman.....Pearssee's Tavern
Montg Ward.....Peter Schermerhorne.....Pecks Slip Market
Out Ward.....Hezekiah Ivers.....Bulls Head Tavern

[272] An Account of William Smith for Repairs to public Pumps in the Out Ward was presented to the Board by the auditing Committee & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the Out Ward & Mr Janeway to enquire into.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Bonds to the several Proprietors of Lots in Greenwich Street for the amount of their respective Losses as Reported by the Commissioners on the 3d of March last

Ordered that John Stagg be directed to lay the walk or foot Way in front of the Engine House St George's Square with Brick at the public Expence.

Ordered that Aldn Bayard & Elting & Mr Quackenbos be a Committee to treat with the proprietor about the purchase of the Corner House opposite to the South East Corner of the City Hall

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay Mr Tobias Van Zandt the Sum of Ten Pounds towards a pump in the Well lately sunk at the Corner of Rhinlanders Sugar House.

issued Ordered the like to advance Rinier Skaats the Sum of £20 to purchase fire Wood for the Watch House &c &c

Ordered the like to pay the followg Persons the followg Sums vizt

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| issued | Ahasuerus Turk for Work & Materials to the Water Works previous to the late War..... | £9:18: 6 |
| issued | Michael Sickels for Tubs &c for the Goal..... | £9:—:— |
| issued | Overseers of Wells & Pumps Montg Wd..... | £6:11: 1½ |
| issued | Overseers of Wells & Pumps Out Wd..... | £3: 5: 6 |

[273] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 24th day of Septr 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W. Gilbert<br>John Wylley<br>Peter Elting<br>John Lawrance | Esqrs Aldn | Joseph Pierson<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Wynt Van Zandt<br>James Nicholson | Assistts |

Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Wylley & Messrs W. Van Zandt Nicholson & Janeway be a Committee to examine & audit the Treasurers Books & Accounts.

Estimates & Assessments for paving King George Street and Chatham Street were read & ratified by the Board.

Ordered that Joseph Cheesman be appointed to superintend the Paving of King George Street & to receive the Monies mentioned in the first of the said Estimates And that Andrew Thompson be appointed to superintend the paving of Chatham Street & to receive the Monies mentioned in the other of the said Estimates.

A Survey for the Regulation of Smith Street was presented & approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed.

An Ordinance for the new paving of the said Street was presented, by the Clerk, & passed.

A Survey of the Street, on each side of the Fly Market, from Queen Street to Water Street, was approved of by the Board & ordered to be filed.

[274] Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for the new paving of the said Street accordingly

The Clerk presented an Ordinance for paving the Street at the end of Oswego Market; which was read & passed.

A Petition for an alteration in the Regulation of the upper part of Greenwich Street was read.

Resolved that the Prayer thereof cannot be granted.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the Neighborhood of Burlings Slip complaining of it as a Nuizance in it's present Situation & recommending some Improvements; was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{s}$ of the East & Montgomerie Wards & the Assist$^{t}$ of the North Ward.

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of Dock Street & John Street were respectively read & ratified.

Ordered that John Stagg be appointed to superintend the paving of the said Streets and to receive the Monies in the said Assessments mentioned.

Ordered that John Stagg be appointed to superintend the paving of Front Street from Kings Street to the Fly Market & to receive the Monies in the assessment mentioned in the stead of George Gosman.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the ball$^{ce}$ due to M$^{r}$ Verplanck for the Lot between his House & the City Hall lately purchased [275] of him by this Corporation out of the Monies arising from the present Tax

An engrossed Grant from this Corporation to Wynant Van Zandt for the Soil under the Water in the East River in front of his Lot between the Fly Market & Burlings Slip was read & approved by the Board.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that

Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board to be delivered on Mr Van Zandt's executing the counterpart

It being represented to the Board that Andrew Hamersly appointed Inspector of the ensuing Election in the East Ward would be absent from the City on the Day of the Election John Jones was elected in his stead.

Ordered that the Road Committee direct the Bridge & Causeway leading from the Post Road to the Town of Harlem to be repaired.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the following Persons the following Sums for their respective Accts

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| issued | Isaac Mead for Repairs to Oswego Market..... | £17:13:— |
| issued | John McComb for surveying Streets..... | 13:19:— |
| issued | Overseers of Wells & Pumps in the West Ward for Repairs ..... | 10: 1:— |
| issued | Overseers of Wells & Pumps in the North Ward for the like ..... | 3: 7: 4 |
| issued | Elias Burger for a Bulkhead across Murray Slip..... | 15:—:— |
| issued | David Demarest for filling in sd Slip..... | 15:—:— |

[276] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 29th day of Septr 1789.

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Wm W Gilbert<br>Peter Elting<br>Nichs Bayard<br>John Wyllcy | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>Jas Nicholson<br>Joseph Pierson<br>John Quackenbos | Assistts |

The Committee appointed to examine & audit the Treasurers Books & Accounts of the last Year Reported that they had attended to that Business—That there has been received since the 25th of September last including the Ballance of £81:5:11¾ then in the hands of the Treasurer the Sum of £5579:12:5¾ and paid out as appears from the Warrants of Com Council £5646:2:0¾ which leaves a ballance of £66:9:7 in favor of the Treasurer That from a State of the Books there appears to be due to the City of New York £6983:6:0— To the Estate of Effie Davis £39:19:8 & to the City Treasurer £66:9:7 And the amount of Out standing Debts due from Revenue & Common Lands is £7089:15:3.

[277] This being the anniversary Day appointed by the Charter of this City for the Election & appointment of City Officers, the Board

proceeded to the appointment of a Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City for the ensuing Year; Whereupon Resolved that Daniel Phœnix be & he is hereby appointed Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City for the ensuing Year.

Mr Mayor was pleased to nominate & appoint James Culbertson High Constable.

Ordered that Alexr Lamb be appointed to act as a Captain of the City Watch in the stead of Bartholomew Skaats until Mr Skaats recover from his Indisposition

The Committee appointed to treat with the Proprietor respecting the price of the Corner House & Lot opposite the South East Corner of the City Hall reported that it could be obtained at the price of £450 Ordered that the same Committee conclude the Bargain on behalf of this Board

A Survey of Church Street was approved by the Board & ordered to be filed.

A Law for the paving of that Street from Barclay Street to the North side of the College Gate, was then read & passed.

On a representation that some Error had taken place in the paving of Greenwich Street & the Streets leading into it Ordered that Aldn Gilbert & Wylley & Messrs Van Gelder Quackenbos & W Van Zandt *to* enquire into the Subject & report to the Board.

[278] James Culbertson one of the Captains of the City Watch & James Scofield & —— Gobel Watchmen having lately distinguished themselves by their vigilence and exertions in discovering & apprehending a dangerous Robber in the Night. Resolved that, as a Reward for their extraordinary Services & as an encouragement to the Watchmen in future, they be presented each with the Sum of five Pounds & Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the same accordgly

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An Estimate of the Expence with the Assessment of paving Smith Street from Kings Street to Crown Street was read & ratified by the Board & John McComb was appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street & to receive the Monies mentioned in the said Assessment

[279] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 6th Day of Octr 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor

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| Benja Blagge | Esqrs Aldn | Abm Van Gelder | Assists |
| Wm W Gilbert | | Geo: Janeway | |
| Peter Elting | | Joseph Pierson | |
| John Wylley | | Wynant Van Zandt | |

Pursuant to the Directions of the Statute entitled "An Act for emitting the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of credit for the purposes therein mentioned" passed the 18th April 1786. Evert Bancker & Cornelius Ray Esqrs Loan Officers of the City & County of New York laid before this Board the Books of Mortgages Minutes & Accounts by them taken & kept as Loan Officers as aforesaid And this Board having carefully inspected & examined the said Books Minutes & Accts Do find that the said Loan Officers have paid into the Treasury of this State the Sum of One thousand five hundred & twenty Pounds which Sum together with the Sum of eighty Pounds by them retained for their Salary amounts to one thousand six hundred Pounds the full Interest of the Sum of thirty two thousand Pounds to the third Tuesday in June 1789 And further that they had paid into the said Treasury the Sum of two hundred & sixty Pounds by them received of sundry Persons on Account for principal [280] And further that the said Loan Officers have faithfully discharged the Trust in them reposed and performed their Duty in manner as by the said Law is directed & required.

The Treasurer or Chamberlain, according to the directions of the Statute produced to the Board his Accts & Vouchers of the Monies by him recd and paid out & arising from the contingent Tax in this City & County for the last Year which were examined by the Mayor & Aldermen and approved & ordered to be filed.

The Clerk presented to the Board the Returns of the Election of Charter Officers held on the 29th Ultº in the several Wards from which it appears that the follows Persons were elected to the following Offices vizt

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| South Ward. | Jeremiah Wool | Aldn |
| | John Van Dyk | Assistt |
| | John Lewis, Joseph George | Assessors |
| | Aert Huysman | Collector |
| | James Read, John Craig | Constables |

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| Dock Ward | Wynant Van Zandt | Aldn |
| | Peter T Curtenius | Assistt |
| | John Oothout, Coenradt W Ham | Assessors |
| | William Gilbert | Collector |
| | John Clark, John Wessels | Constables |
| [281] East Ward | Daniel McCormick | Alderman |
| | John Pintard | Assistant |
| | Alexander Stewart, John Delafield | Assessors |
| | Robert Johnson | Collector |
| | John Harrison, Barn't Newkerk | Constables |
| West Ward | Isaac Stoutenburgh | Alderman |
| | William J Elsworth | Assistant |
| | Isaac Stoutenburgh Junr, Cornelius Cregier | Assessors |
| | Thomas Lafoy | Collector |
| | John Rains, Robert Berwick | Constables |
| North Ward | John Wylley | Alderman |
| | George Janeway | Assistant |
| | George Stanton, William Ash | Assessors |
| | John Mildeberger | Collector |
| | Henry Birtsall, Peter Hoyer | Constables |
| Montgomerie Ward | Theophilus Beekman | Alderman |
| | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistant |
| | William Hardenbrook, Thomas Francklin Junr | Assessors |
| | Hugh Montgomery | Collector |
| | Joseph Donaldson, William Cummins | Constables |
| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | Alderman |
| | Stephen McCrea | Assistant |
| | Cornelius C. Roosevelt, Nicholas Cruger | Bowery Division — Assessors |
| | Richard Furman | do — Collector |
| | Lewis A Gautier, John Dietz | do — Constables |
| | Sampson Benson, Henry Van Breemen | Harlem do — Assessors |
| | Thomas Bradie | do do — Collector |
| | David Willson, Peter Waldron | do do — Constables |

[282] Ordered that the High Constable cause the Watchmens Boxes, which are placed in the several Parts of this City, excepting such of them as are made use of by the Watchmen to be removed & deposited in safety to the Bridewell Yard.

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Water Street from Burlings Slip to Beekmans Slip was read & ratified by the Board And John Stagg was appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street & to receive the Monies in the said Assessm$^{t}$ mentioned

The following Report was received read & ordered to be filed viz$^{t}$

" We Henry Remsen Thomas Randall W$^{m}$ Maxwell John M$^{c}$Comb & Joshua Sands five of the Commissioners, appointed in and by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed the 7$^{th}$ day of April 1787 for the purpose of appraising & estimating the damages or losses which Individual Citizens have sustained by widening continuing & extending Greenwich Street; having investigated the Claims of the Heirs of John Bessonet deceased for the loss of a House built on a Lot leased from the Rector & Inhabitants of Trinity Church in the West Ward in the City of New York being Lot N$^{o}$ forty two. Do hereby determine & award to the Representatives of the said John [283] Bessonet deceased the Sum of One hundred & sixty five Pounds as full Compensation for the losses sustained and in full satisfaction for the Buildings thereon in consequence of said Greenwich Street being widened continued and extended as aforesaid. Witness our Hands and Seals in New York this 7$^{th}$ day of Sept$^{r}$ 1789

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| Henry Remsen | [Seal] |
| W$^{m}$ Maxwell | [Seal] |
| Tho$^{s}$ Randall | [Seal] |
| John M$^{c}$Comb | [Seal] |
| Josh$^{a}$ Sands | [Seal] |

The Clerk according to order produced Bonds from this Corporation to the several Persons named in the Report of the Commissioners read & filed on the 3$^{d}$ day of March last for the respective Sums awarded to them for their losses sustained by the widening & improving Greenwich Street which were read & approved by the Board

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said several Bonds and that M$^{r}$ Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay (out of the Monies arising from the Tax raised in pursuance of the Statute entitled " An Act to impower the Mayor Recorder & Alder-

men of the City of New York to raise by Tax the Sum of thirteen thousand pounds for the purposes therein mentioned" passed the 22d Jany last to William Maxwell Robert Watts Alexander Macombe James Nicholson and Pierre L'Enfant the [284] Commissioners who directed and superintended the Repairs and Improvements to the City Hall, the Sum of thirteen hundred Pounds for the sole purpose of paying off & discharging the Accounts of certain Persons against the said Commissioners for work done to & Materials provided for the said City Hall by direction of the said Commissioners: Provided that the paymt of the said Sum of £1300 as aforesaid shall be assented to by the Directors of the Bank of New York.

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Ordered the like to pay Elias Burger the Sum of £100 on Acct towards his Contract to erect the Wharf at the Battery

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| issued | To George Janeway for the ballce of his Acct for Repairs to the Goal Bridewell & Exchange..... | £108:11: 7½ |
| issued | To Wm Hardenbrook for Repairs to the public Lamps | 16:11: 6 |
| issued | To James Kip for brass Chambers to public Pumps.. | 6:11: 7 |
| issued | To Elting & Varick for Iron mongery to the Goal.... | 4:14: 9¾ |
| issued | To John Simmons for the use of his Room by the Corporation, & for fire &c..... | 67:14: 9 |
| issued | To Joseph Shelvey for 1 Qr as public Whipper due 27th Ulto ..... | 6: 5:— |
| issued | To Moses Smith James Cebra & David R Bogert as Clerks at the late Election each 16/..... | 2: 8:— |

[285] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday Octr 12th 1789

Present/ James Duane Esqr Mayor
Richard Varick Esqr Recorder

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| Benja Blagge<br>Wm W Gilbert<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Peter Elting<br>Jeremh Wool<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Wynant Van Zandt<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>James Nicholson<br>Abm Van Gelder<br>George Janeway<br>Joseph Pierson<br>John Quackenbos |

Assistts

Richard Smith Laborer. admitted & sworn a free Man

A Petition of Jonathan Lawrence a Candidate for the Office of Alderman at the late Election in the West Ward was read complaining of an undue Election for that the Poll was opened & several Votes were taken previous to the swearing of the Clerk, that the Poll Book

was not kept according to Law because no distinction was made therein between Freemen & Freeholders, and that the Poll was closed when several Voters for the Petitioner were at hand ready to vote; And praying that a new Election may be ordered in the said Wd

Isaac Stoutenburgh Esqr the Alderman returned elect & the said Petitioner both attending the Board, were heard on the subject Matter of the said Petition When the further Consideration thereof was postponed until the next Meeting of the Board.

[286] The Committee appointed to purchase the Corner Lot opposite to the South East Angle of the City Hall reported that they had concluded the purchase of the said Lot of Mr Wm Leary for the Sum of £450 the one Moity to be paid in Cash on the delivery of the Deeds & the residue in a Bond from the Corporation at the usual Interest which was agreed to by the Board

Mr Mayor informed the Board that in consequence of his being appointed to the Office of Judge of the District Court in this State under the Constitution of the United States, Richard Varick had been appointed to the Office of Mayor of this City in his stead Whereupon Aldn Gilbert Wool Elting Bayard & Wylley were appointed to attend the new Mayor to see him qualified before his Excy the Governor on Wednesday Morns the 14th Instant agreable to Charter

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Dutch Street for a new Regulation of that Street was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the North Ward who if they approve of the Measure will direct a Survey of the Street to be made & returned to the Bd

The Committee on the Petition of Messrs Dunscomb & Arden & others against the late Regulation of Mulberry Street, reported that in the Opinion of the Committee the prayer thereof ought not to be granted.

[287] Then the Clerk according to order presented an Ordinance for the regulation filling in, digging out & levelling of Mulberry Street; which was agreed to by the Board & passed.

Mr Van Gelder reported to the Board that Barnardus Swartwout had offered £10 for the old Buildings of Mr Bessonet in Greenwich Street. Ordered that on his removal of the said Buildings out of the said Street immediately he have them to his own Use at that Price.

Ordered that Aldn Bayard & Messrs T Van Zandt & Janeway be a Committee to enquire into a certain encroachment said to be made on William Street near the Jews Burial Ground.

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House take down the

old Powder Magazine & apply the Materials to the Store ordered to be erected at the Alms House.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer
issued to pay Aldn Wylley & Messrs T Van Zandt & Janeway £100 on Acct towards the buildg of sd Store

Ordered the like to pay Henry Rutgers the Sum of £10 to-
issued wards a Pump in the Well lately sunk in the Street near his House

The Committee on the Case of Peter P Van Zandt delivered in a Report and the Consideration thereof was postponed

The Committee on the Petition of Henry Rutgers for a Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River reported that the prayer be granted on the following Conditions that Rutgers's Slip be left 120 feet wide & a Pier of 30 feet be left on the West side thereof & the Petitioner paying to this Board the Sum of £315 for the Right of Soil being [288] 315 feet from Rutgers Slip to Washington Street."

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Grant accordingly.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

issued Danl Burger for Repairs to the public Pumps..... £1: 1: 6

issued Francis Child & Edward Blagge Clerks at the late Election each 16/..... 1:12:—

The following Resolutions were then unanimously agreed to by the Board vizt

Whereas Major Pierre C L'Enfant having at the Request of the Citizens furnished a Plan for altering and improving the City Hall so as to render it suitable for the reception and accommodation of the Congress of the United States, generously undertook to superintend and direct the Work: And in the execution thereof hath displayed a highly distinguished Degree of Skill and Taste in Architecture, and hath moreover exerted uncommon Zeal and Industry in accomplishing the said Design, notwithstanding the unfavorable Season in which it was undertaken And the said Hall from his Talents and Exertions hath become a signal Ornament of this City and a Monument of the Munificence of the Citizens.

[289] Resolved therefore that the Thanks of this Board be presented to the said Major L'Enfant for his eminent Services in forming and executing the said Plan. and that the Freedom of this City be presented to him under the common Seal of the Corporation as a Proof of their Esteem

Resolved also that this Corporation, as a further proof of their Sense of the Services of the said Major L'Enfant in the premisses will

convey to him in fee a Lot of their common Land containing the quantity of Ten Acres in such place as shall be agreed upon by a Committee of this Board

Ordered that Aldn Bayard & Messrs T Van Zandt & Janeway be the Committee to fix on the place for locating the said Lot as aforesd

[290] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 14th day of Octr 1789

James Duane Esqr the late Mayor with the several Aldn & Assistants being assembled in the Common Council Chamber, Aldn Gilbert reported that the Aldn appointed for the purpose at the last Meeting had attended Richard Varick Esqr Mayor to his Excellency the Governor's & had seen him qualified by taking the Oaths prescribed in & by the Charter of this City.

Whereupon Richard Varick Esqr came ino the Common Council Chamber and was conducted & placed in the Mayors Chair by Mr Duane the late Mayor And then after the ringing of the Bell & Proclamation made as usual in the City Hall the Mayors Commission was read & published.

And then Mr Mayor administered to the several Members & Officers folls the Oaths prescribed by the Charter of this City vizt

Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder who produced his Commission which was read

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| Robert Boyd Esqr | Sherif | |
| Jeremiah Wool Esqr | Aldn | South Wd |
| Wynant Van Zandt Esqr | Aldn | Dock Wd |
| Daniel McCormick Esqr | Aldn | East Wd |
| John Wylley Esqr | Aldn | North Wd |
| Theophilus Beekman Esqr | Aldn | Montg Wd |
| Nicholas Bayard Esqr | Aldn | Out Wd |
| [291] John Van Dyck | Assist | South Ward |
| John Pintard | Assist | East Ward |
| George Janeway | Assist | North Ward |
| Tobias Van Zandt | Assist | Montg Ward |

Daniel Phoenix Treasurer or Chamberlain who produced a Bond for the faithful execution of his Office which was approved by the Board

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| John Lewis<br>Joseph George | Assessors | South Ward |
| John Oothout<br>Conradt W Ham | Assessors | Dock Ward |

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| Alexander Stewart<br>John Delafield | Assessors | East Ward |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh Junr<br>Cornelius Cregier | Assessors | West Ward |
| George Stanton<br>William Ash | Assessors | North Ward |
| William Hardenbrook<br>Thomas Francklin Junr | Assessors | Montr Wd |
| Sampson Benson<br>..... | Assessors | Harlem Division |
| James Culbertson | High Constable | |
| James Read<br>John Craig | Constables | South Wd |
| John Clark<br>John Wessels | Constables | Dock Wd |
| John Harrison<br>Barnt Newkerk | Constables | East Wd |
| John Rains<br>Robert Berwick | Constables | West Wd |
| Henry Birtsall<br>Peter Hoyer | Constables | North Wd |
| Joseph Donaldson<br>..... | Constables | Montr Wd |
| Lewis A Gautier<br>John Ditez | Constables | Bowery Division |
| David Willson | Constable | Harlem Division |

[292] Peter T Curtenius returned an Assistt for the Dock Ward refused to accept of the said Office & to take the Oath as aforesd

Ordered that an Election be held at Francis's Tavern on Tuesday next of an Assistant in the said Ward.

William Cummins returned a Constable for Montgomerie Ward not being an actual Resident in the Ward his Election was declared void

Stephen McCrea Assistt Cornelius C Roosevelt & Nicholas Cruger Assessors and Peter Waldron Constable of the Out Ward not appearing; it was ordered that they be notified to appear at the next Meeting of the Board.

The Board then took into consideration the Petition of Jonathan Lawrence complaining of an undue Election in the West Ward When it appeared to the Board that the Charge against the Inspector of closing the Poll improperly was ill founded And that altho' the Inspector & Clerk had been remiss in their Duty in not swearing the Clerk previous to the opening of the Poll for which they were liable to prosecution Yet that it ought not to render the said Election void.

Whereupon Isaac Stoutenburgh Esq[r] Alderman William J Elsworth Assist[t] & the other Officers named in the Return. were declared duly elected & the Oaths were administered to them accordingly.

[293] Peter T Curtenius Merchant was then admitted & sworn a freeman of this City & ordered to be registered.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 23[d] day of October 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Geo. Janeway | Assist[ts] |
| John Wylley | | John Van Dyck | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Pintard | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | W[m] J Elsworth | |
| Theop[s] Beekman | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| Dan[l] M[c]Cormick | | Stephen M[c]Crea | |

The Poll List of the Election held in the Dock Ward pursuant to the Order of the last Meeting of an Assistant was delivered in by the Clerk from which it appeared that Peter T Curtenius was duly elected.

Whereupon the Oaths prescribed by Charter were administered by M[r] Mayor to M[r] Curtenius & also to M[r] M[c]Crea Assist[t] of the Out Ward who was absent at the last Meeting.

Ordered that Ald[n] Stoutenburgh & Mess[rs] Peter T Curtenius & John Pintard be the standing Committee to examine and audit all Accounts against this Corporation and which shall from time to time be presented for payment

[294] Ordered that Ald[n] Van Zandt & Mess[rs] Janeway & M[c]Crea be the standing Committee from time to time to view the public Roads & to direct the Overseers in such ordinary Repairs as to them may appear necessary & proper.

Ordered that Ald[n] Van Zandt & Mess[rs] Elsworth & Van Dyk be the standing Committee for Lamps.

On reading A Petition of Robert R Livingston & several others against the Regulation lately established by this Board of Mulberry Street; & a Petition of the Inhabitants of S[t] James Street praying that the filling in of the lower part of the said Street may be compleated, it was resolved that the whole Board will meet to Morrow Morning at 10 O'Clock at the Plow & Harrow Tavern in the Out Ward to view the Streets in that neighborhood.

Ordered that the several City Surveyors be notified to attend.

A Petition of Isaac Roosevelt & others praying that a Bulkhead may be laid across S[t] James Slip & that the same be filled up a certain distance from Cherry Street was read & referred to Ald[n] Beekman & Mess[rs] Janeway & M[c]Crea.

It being represented to the Board that for want of its being proper leaded the *the* Roof at backs of some of the Chimnies of the City Hall leaked—that the Corner or audience Room remained unfinished and that *and that* for want of a proper Ash House the Building might be endangered by fire.

Ordered that Mess[rs] Van Zandt & Janeway be a Committee to take order & get the said Chimnies leaded, the said Corner Room finished & an Ash House built in the most safe & convenient Place

[295] Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for the paving of Greenwich Street from Barclay Street to Warren Street and for compleating that part of Greenwich Street which lies opposite to Barclay Street.

A Petition of John Gilbert for an abatement of his Rent for the Powder Magazine was read & referred to Ald[n] Wylley & Mess[rs] Pintard & Tobias Van Zandt

A Petition of the Assignees of the Estate of Andrew Van Tuyl for a Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River opposite to a Lot of the said Andrew Van Tuyl between the Fly Market & Burlings Slip; was read & referred to the Ald[n] & Assist[t] of the East & the Assist[t] of the Dock Ward.

A Survey of Dutch Street was approved by the Board & ordered to be filed.

Ordered that an Ordinance for the paving of the said Street be prepared.

Ordered that two Men each Night be added to the City Watch.

In order that the Country People resorting [to] the Fly Market may be accommodated as much as possible it is conceived necessary that Chains be fixed across Front Street to prevent the Interruption by the passing of Carriages during Market Hours and it is also conceived necessary that Chains be provided to fix across the Street at the Exchange to prevent the Courts of Justice & the Legislature when they meet from Interruption by the Noise of Carts.

[296] Ordered that the Ald[n] & Assist[t] of the East Ward take order with respect to the Chains at the Fly Market & the Ald[n] & Assist[t] of the Dock Ward those at the Exchange.

Ordered that the Surveyors be directed to make & return a Survey of the Street leading from Gold Street to Maiden Lane

The Corporation having on the 5th Septr 1786 promised to grant £10 towards a Pump in a Well then sinking at the Corner of Barclay Street which said Well & pump hath long since been compleated & used by the public

On the application of Aldn Stoutenburgh Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the said Sum of £10 to Frederick Rhinelander accordingly

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Resolved that in future this Board will not grant any Money towards a Pump without a brass Chamber & unless the Well as to its make & Size be approved of by the Aldn & Assistt of the Ward.

On reading a Petition of Thomas Kennedy late Collector of the City & County contingent Tax in the West Ward & who is confined in Goal on a Suit brought against him by the City Treasurer for the amount of the Tax by him received & not paid into the Treasury Ordered that the Treasurer take a Bond from the said Thomas Kennedy for the amount of the Monies by him received/ on the said Tax, & not paid into the Treasury, with Interest together with the amount of the Costs attending the said Suit And that thereupon the said Suit be discontinued & the said Thomas Kennedy discharged from confinemt

[297] Ordered that Hendrick Van Breemen be & is hereby appointed to keep a public Pound for the pounding of Horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs at his House in & for the Harlem Division of the Out Ward.

On a representation that the Bridges of the Corporation Wharf at the North River were out of Repair Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Ward direct such œconomical Repars thereto as they shall deem indispensibly necessary & proper.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Dock Ward direct such necessary Repairs to the Corner House opposite to the City Hall & lately purchased by this Board as to render it comfortable for the Watchmen & safe for the confinement of Persons who may be apprehended by the Watchmen in the night time.

It being represented to the Board that the Law of this Corporation to prevent the danger of Fire is inadequate especially with respect to the Danger arising from the use of Iron Stoves in Joiners Work Shops and other places. Ordered that Mr Recorder be requested to revise the Law on the Subject of Fire & to prepare a Law with such farther provisions as he may deem necessary

[298] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 30th day of October 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard<br>Jeremh Wool<br>John Wylley<br>Danl McCormick<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard<br>Stephen McCrea<br>Wm J Elsworth<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Peter T Curtenius<br>John Van Dyk | Assistts |

The Clerk according to Order presented the two following Ordinances which were agreed to by the Board & passed vizt

"A Law for the regulation & paving of Dutch Street" A Law for the paving of Greenwich Street from Barclay Street to Warren Street & for compleating that part of Greenwich Street which lies opposite to Barclay Street

Mr Recorder according to the Request of the Board at the last Meeting presented "A Law or Ordinance making a further provision for preventing accidents by Fire" which was read considered by Paragraphs & agreed to & passed by the Board. & ordered to be published.

The Committee on the Petition of Isaac Roosevelt & others for erecting a Bulkhead across St James Street (about 30 feet from the head thereof) and for filling in the same [299] reported that the Prayer ought to be granted

Ordered that the same Committee procure an Estimate of the Expence & report the same to the Board.

The Committee on the Petition of John Gilbert for an abatement of the Rent of the Powder Magazine reported that he ought to pay for the present Year at the rate of twenty Pounds.

Ordered that the Treasurer in his settlement charge Mr Gilbert at that rate accordingly

The Committee on the Petition of the Assignees of the Estate of Andrew Van Tuyl for a Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River opposite a Lot of the said Andrew Van Tuyl reported that the Prayer ought to be granted on the like Terms on which the adjacent Water Lots were granted.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Grant accordingly & reported the same to the Board.

On reading a Representation of the Fire Men relative to the practice of storing Gun Powder in this City It was ordered that the Act

of the Legislature against the storing of Gun Powder in this City be again published with a Note signifying the earnest request of this Board that the Inhabitants would give Information to the Magistrates, of any Place in this City where they know or suspect Gun Powder to be stored contrary to Law to the end that Measures may be taken to remove the Danger and punish the Offenders as the Law directs.

Resolved that the Licences granted by the late Mayor to the Butchers in this City determine to Morrow and that Mr Mayor be requested [300] to grant new Licences to such and so many as he shall judge expedient

Ordered that any further operation on the Ordinance for filling in & levelling Mulberry Street be suspended until April next

Ordered that Aldn Stoutenburgh Van Zandt & Beekman & Messrs Pintard & McCrea be a Committee to obtain and report to the Board a general & comprehensive Survey of all the Streets from Catharine Street to Roosevelts Street inclusive & also of Chatham Street and all the Streets in connection with it to the Westward: to the end that this Board may be enabled to determine on the most eligible Plan for regulating the Streets in that part of the City.

Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to pay off the Bond from this Corporation to Cornelius Slott, for the Sum awarded to him for his loss by the late regulation of Greenwich Street, in such manner as the Revenue Fund shall render it expedient

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Mr John Van Dyk, for the use of Abm Fincher a pauper to remove him & his family to New Windsor, the Sum of ..... | £6:—:— |
| [301] issued | Israel Navarro on Acct towards his contract for repairing the Wharfs at Brooklyn Ferry..... | £20:—:— |
| issued | Elias Burger Junr on Acct towards his contract for erecting the Wharf at the Battery..... | £100:—:— |
| issued | Gerrit Peterson for Smiths Work to the public Pumps in the Out Ward..... | £5:16: 3 |
| issued | Henry Shute for Repairs to the Roads..... | £40: 3:10 |
| issued | William Smith for Repairs to the Pumps..... | £20:11: 6 |
| issued | John Graham for maks & mends public Lamps..... | £24:15: 6 |
| issued | Abraham Van Gelder for cleaning & lighting the public Lamps from 26th Augt to 26th Octr..... | £66:14: 8 |
| issued | Edward Meeks for Smiths Work to the public Lamps.. | £24:19:— |
| issued | Richard Leacraft for a brass Chamber to a public Pump | £3:12:— |
| issued | Danl Parker, Thomas Gilbert & Thomas Gilbert as Clerks of Election each 16/..... | £2: 8:— |

[302] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House, on Monday the 2d Novr 1789

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Daniel McCormick | Esqrs Aldn | Stephen McCrea | Assistts |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | George Janeway | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | William J Elsworth | |
| John Wylley | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| Theops Beekman | | John Pintard | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | | |

Ordered that Aldn McCormick and Messrs Curtenius & Janeway be a Committee to examine & audit the Accts of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell of the preceding Quarter.

Mr Mayor with the other Members then proceeded to visit the several Wards of the Alms House & Bridewell.

And being returned, the Committee reported that on examining the said Accts with their respective Vouchers they appeared to be just & right; amounts

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| for the Alms House to..... | | £1848: 5: 2 |
| for the Bridewell..... | £304: 0: 1½ | |
| & Receipts credited to do..... | 136:—:— | |
| ballce agt the Bridewell..... | | £168: 0: 1½ |
| | | £2016: 5: 3½ |

An Estimate of the Commissioners of the Sum necessary for the Alms House the ensuing Quarter amounts to £1500 [303] was then read & approved by the Board

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer for the payment of the said Sum accordingly.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the South Ward direct the Bridge North of the Exchange to be repaired.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 13th day of November 1789.

Present/ Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Jeremh Wool
Nichs Bayard
Danl McCormick
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynt Van Zandt
Theops Beekman
John Wylley
} Esqrs Aldn

Tobias Van Zandt
Wm J Elsworth
Peter T Curtenius
John Van Dyk
} Assistants

An Assessment for filling in part of Mulberry Street was approved & ratifyed by the Board And Samuel Maghee was appointed to receive the Monies therein mentioned.

Also an Estimate & Assessment for paving Greenwich Street from Barclay Street to Warren Street & for completing that part of Greenwich Street which lies opposite to Barclay Street was approved & ratified by the Board & Andrew Thompson [304] was appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street & to receive the Monies in the said Assessmt mentioned

Ordered that from this time to the 20th of March next the Watchmen parade at the Watch House and commence their Duty at seven O'Clock.

A Petition of the Foremen of several of the small fire Engines praying that the number of Men to each of the said Engines may be ten as formerly. was read & referred to Aldn Stoutenburgh & Messrs Elsworth & Curtenius.

And on reading a Petition of the Company belonging to Engine No 13 in favor of Nichs Brevoorts being appointed to their Company.

Resolved that the Resolution of this Board of the 12th of August last "that no Person under the Age of thirty Years be appointed to the Office of a fire Man of this City" be repealed

Whereupon the Board appointed the follows Persons to the Office of Fire Men of this City vizt

Nicholas Brevoort to Engine No 13..... vice
John Brown to Engine No 2..... vice Wm Nichols resigned.
Seth Kneeland to Engine No 2..... vice John Degroot resigned
Thomas Parsell to Engine No 15..... vice Wm Ellis deceased
John Ming to Engine No 11..... vice Danl Ten Eyck resigned
Thomas Tom to Engine No 12..... vice John Webb resigned.
[305] and Adam Mount to Engine No 12. vice John Walter resigned.

On reading a representation of the Company of Engine No 5 by Frederick Eckert their Foreman, that Francis Arden & George Peck

Members of that Company had neglected their Duty as Fire Men & hoping that this Board would order their Names to be struck off from the List of Firemen; it was ordered that the said Francis Arden & George Peck attend this Board at the next Meeting to shew Cause why the Request of the said Company should not be complied with And that Mr Eckert also attend to support the Accusation

A petition of Lewis Nichols for the Aid of this Board in sinking a Well in *Great George Street North of the Hospital was read & rejected.

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer issued to advance Andrew Thompson the Sum of £50 towards the Corporation's part of paving Chatham Street

[306] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 20th day of November 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| John Wylley<br>Daniel McCormick<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldn | John Van Dyk<br>John Pintard<br>Stephen McCrea<br>William J Elsworth<br>Peter T Curtenius | Assistts |

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Church Street was read & ratified by the Board; and John Moore was appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street and to receive the Monies in the said Assessment mentioned.

The Committee appointed to obtain an Estimate of the Expence of making a Bulkhead across St James Slip reported *reported* Estimates of two or three different Persons Whereupon it was ordered that the Committee make enquiry into the Ability of the respective Persons making Proposals and that they conclude a Contract with such Person for making the said Bulkhead as the Committee in their Judgment shall conceive most advantageous for the Corporation.

[307] Ordered that the Proprietors or Occupants of the Lots in the lower end of St James Street be and they are hereby required to *to* fill up the said Street, from where the Pavement ends, so as to make it more convenient & passable.

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—Ed.

Mr Mayor laid before the Board the followg proposition from the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell vizt

"Whereas the Board are of Opinion that the Alms House, which was originally designed for the accommodation of the Poor of this City & County, is become too much of a common Receptacle for idle intemperate Vagrants, many of whom of right have no lawful Residence in this Place and who by pretended Sickness or otherwise, often impose on the Magistrates of the City, by which Means the House is overcrowded with numbers of abandoned Characters, greatly incommoding those who are real Objects of Charity as well as imposing on the industrious part of the Community

Therefore resolved That Willet Seaman, William Hardenbrook & William De Peyster be a Committee who are requested to wait on the Mayor to converse with him on the propriety of appropriating an Apartment in the Bridewell to be called the Work House in contradistinction from the Alms House & Bridewell, for the Reception of such Persons from the City who may apply to the Magistrates, and are not real Objects of Charity, And also from time to time of such Persons from the Poor House as may have repeatedly broken the Rules and Orders of the House and by their [308] Intemperance & Turpitude, rendered themselves undeserving of that Attention and Compassion due to the more orderly Objects of the House and at the same time suggesting to the Mayor the Wish of the Board that if this or some such Plan meets his approbation, he would be pleased to lay the same before the Corporation And that the Commissioners would beg leave to propose that those Persons who may be sent to the Work House may have nearly the same kind of Accommodations as those in the Alms House —only so far confined as to prevent an undue Trafic for strong Liquor and to be kept closely at Work and that at any time on their own request they might be discharged."

The said Proposition or Plan being considered by the Common Council was approved And it was ordered that the Commissioners take order for carrying the same into execution.

It being suggested to the Board that the public convenience might be very much promoted if the lower end of Golden Hill Street where it enters Queens Street could be widened; And it being conceived probable that the proprietors of the two Corner Lots which are bound by the said Street would be willing to dispose of a part of their Lots for the purpose and that the neighborhood would bear the Expence.

[309] Ordered that the Aldn of the East & Montgomerie Wards & the Assistant of the East Ward be a Committee to enquire into the

Subject & to report to the Board whether any & what part of the said Lots can be obtained and on what Terms & what proportion of the Expence each proprietor in the Neighbourhood will be willing to bear

Ordered that John Utt be appointed a Fireman to Engine N$^{o}$ 13$^{th}$ vice Corn$^{s}$ Bicker

The Parties on the Subject of the complaint against Francis Arden & George Peck as firemen not having been notified to attend agreable to the order of the last Meeting

Ordered that they be notified to attend at the next Meeting.

Ordered that an addition of one Shilling per Night be allowed to the assist$^{t}$ Foreman of the City Watch.

Ordered that the public Hooks & Ladders be removed from the Gang Way of M$^{r}$ George Codwise to the Market House at Pecks Slip.

Ordered that the Treasurer furnish the Board at the next Meeting with an Acc$^{t}$ of the Debts due from this Corporation & of the amount of the Corporation Revenue.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Aaron Devoe for repairs to the Corporation Wharf at the North River..... | £11: 3: 4 |
| issued | Ald$^{n}$ Van Zandt for Chains fixed across the Street at the Exchange ..... | £4:13: 4 |
| issued | George Janeway for lightning Conductors to the City Hall ..... | £14: 2: 5¼ |
| [310] issued | Abraham Tyson for Repairs to the Bridge at the Exchange ..... | £9: 9: 3 |
| issued | James Hill for glazing at the Goal..... | £9: 3: 6 |
| issued | James Culbertson for notifying the Inhabitants to clean the Streets & for removing the Watchmens Boxes ..... | £2:14: 6 |
| issued | Gerard De Peyster for his Services as Clerk at an Election in Montg$^{y}$ Ward..... | £—:16:— |
| issued | Joshua Levy for the Rent of his Store House while occupied by the City Watch..... | £9:—:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for one Quarter Services as Door Keeper & Messenger & disbursm$^{ts}$..... | £10: 9:— |
| issued | W$^{m}$ Sloo for himself & the other Constables & Marshalls for apprehend$^{g}$ & conveying Vagrants to Bridewell ..... | £23: 2: 6 |
| issued | John M$^{c}$Comb for rebuilding the fire Engine House in Vesey Street..... | £23: 8: 8 |
| issued | Simon Kiersted for repairs to the public Pumps in the West W$^{d}$ ..... | £35:—:— |
| issued | W$^{m}$ Smith for the like..... | £39: 9: 3 |
| issued | Dan$^{l}$ Burger for the like..... | £9:17: 5 |
| issued | Dunlap & Van Nostrandt for the like..... | £46: 3: 3½ |

Jonathan Pearssee for subsisting criminal prisoners in
issued Goal from 1st Octr 1788 to the 30th April 1789..... £260: 9: 8
issued Jameson Cox for the like from the 1st Augt to the 31st Octr last ..... £88: 4: 2

[311] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 4th Day of December 1789

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Daniel McCormick | | Wm J Elsworth | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Van Dyk | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Peter T Curtenius | |

Resolved that in future no criminal Prisoner confined in Goal be subsisted at the public expence without a special Order for the purpose from the Magistrate committing the prisoner.

Mr Mayor delivered to the Board the Title Deeds & Release from Catharine Provoost to this Corporation for House & Lot at the Corner of Broad Street & Wall Street Whereupon Ordered that Mr
issued Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Edward Dunscomb Mrs Provoosts Agent the Sum of £225 being the one half of the Consideration Money for the said House & Lot & that a Bond from this Corporation to Mrs Provoost for £225 the residue thereof with Interest at 5 Pr Ct be made out that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.*

A Survey of De Peyster Street was presented to the Board & approved.

[312] The Clerk presented the Draft of a Grant to the Assignees of Andrew Van Tuyl for the Water Lot between the Fly Market & Burlings Slip; which was read & approved & ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered that the Watchmen be allowed four Shillings per Night from the 1st December Instant to the 1st March next

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer
issued to pay the Aldn & Assist. of the South Ward the Sum of £25 towards compleating the Market House at the Exchange.

* Marginal note reads *This Bond was made agreable to order & delivd to Mr Edward Dunscomb the 17th Decr 1789.*—Ed.

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| issued | The Committee for directing the Bulkhead to be erected across S[t] James Slip the Sum of £30 on Acc[t] | |
| issued | Ald[n] Van Zandt for defraying the Expence of the Committee on the Roads going to Kings Bridge..... | £1: 0: 6 |
| issued | John Goodeve for 1 Box Candles for the Court Room.. | £2: 8: 9 |
| issued | Dan[l] Phœnix for clearing the Drain & repairing the Grate in Wall Street..... | £5:13: 2 |
| issued | Stewart & Jones for Paint & Oil for the Corporation Houses ..... | £4:19: 8 |
| issued | John Hooghlandt for a Leader to a fire Engine..... | £5: 5:10 |

[313] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 11[th] day of December 1789

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Daniel M[c]Cormick<br>John Wylley | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Peter T Curtenius<br>Stephen M[c]Crea<br>John Pintard<br>John Van Dyk<br>George Janeway | Assist[ts] |

The engrossed Grant of the Water Lot to the Assignees of Andrew Van Tuyl was read and agreed to by the Board & Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto and that M[r] Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this B[d]

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Dutch Street was read & ratified by the Board and John Stagg was appointed to receive the Monies in the said Assessm[t] mentioned & to superintend the paving of the said Street.

Ordered that Andrew Thompson return to this Board a State of his Acc[ts] relative to the paving & digging of Chatham Street.

Ordered that Mess[rs] Nicholas Cruger & Cornelius C Roosevelt be notified to attend this Board and take the Oaths prescribed for the Office of Assessors to which they were elected on the 29[th] Sept[r] last

[314] Ordered that M[r] Recorder and Ald[n] Stoutenburgh & M[r] Pintard be a Committee to treat with M[r] Bardin for the use of his Rooms, for the Courts of Justice, instead of the Exchange which will be wanted for the Meeting of the House of Assembly this Winter.

It being suggested by some of the Members that it would be more proper & consistent that this Board should establish a reasonable compensation to the Mayor of this City for his trouble in the execution of that Office instead of the uncertain Fees or allowance usually made to him out of the Monies arising from the public Markets & the Tavern

Licences &c—Thereupon Ordered that Mr Recorder & Aldn McCormick & Stoutenburgh & Messrs Curtenius & Pintard be a Committee to treat with the Mayor on the Subject & to report the Result with their Opinion thereon

Harmen Blauvelt was appointed a fireman to Engine No 14 vice Abm Moore absent And Nicholas Morris to Engine No 14 vice Isaac Vreedenburgh resigned.

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| issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasury to advance the Committee for directing the erection of a Store House at the Alms House..... | £100:—:— |
| issued | Alexander Lamb, David Skaats & David Waldron each the Sum of £5 for their extraordinary Exertions on a late Occasion as Watchmen in apprehending two dangerous Villains ..... | £15:—:— |
| issued | Margaret Kief a pauper to remove her to Philadelphia.. | £1:—:— |
| issued | Childs & Swaine printers for publishing the Treasurers Accts & other printing..... | £18:—:— |

[315] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Saturday the 12th Day of December 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Daniel McCormick<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | John Van Dyk<br>George Janeway<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>John Pintard<br>Peter Curtenius | Assists |

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of Front Street from the Fly Market to Burlings Slip—the Street on each side of the Fly Market —and Fletcher Street from Water Street to Front Street were presented and read—And the Estimates & Assessmts first & last mentioned of the said Streets were approved & ratified by the Board and John Stagg was appointed to superintend the paving of the Streets & to receive the Monies in the said two Assessments mentioned & the consideration of the Estimate & Assessmt for paving the said Street on each side of the Fly Market was postponed until the next Meeting.

An Ordinance for paving De Peyster Street was then read & passed by the Board.

[316] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 18th day of Decr 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Jeremiah Wool
Wynant Van Zandt
Nicholas Bayard
} Esqrs Aldn

John Pintard
Peter T Curtenius
Tobias Van Zandt
George Janeway
William J Elsworth
} Assistts

Whereas the Commissioners appointed by the Statute passed the 7th day of April 1787 entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act supplementary to an Act to appoint Commissioners to settle & adjust any Differences which may arise between the Proprietors of certain Lots in the City of New York, the Buildings whereof were burnt in the Year 1776 and for altering the Streets which heretofore were laid out adjoining to such Lots." by their Report presented to this Board and entered on their Minutes on the third day of March last, did determine & award to Susannah Van Winkel as proprietor of a certain Lot of Ground in Greenwich Street the Sum of £224 as full compensation for her Loss and the Damage she had sustained in consequence of said Greenwich Street being widened continued and extended, And this Board did on the third day of September last execute to [317] the said Susannah Van Winkel a Bond for the payment of the said Sum with Interest at five Per Ct per Annum And whereas it now appears to this Board that the said Susannah Van Winkel died before the making of the said Report by the said Commissioners and the execution of the said Bond by this Board as aforesaid And it further appears to this Board that David Baldwin of Saddle River in the County of Bergen & State of New Jersey Carpenter the Son of the said Susannah Van Winkel was, at the time of the making of the said Report by the said Commissioners, the Proprietor of the said Lot of Ground and not the said Susannah Van Winkel And whereas the said Bond hath been returned to this Board and delivered up and cancelled And the said David Baldwin by David Morris his Attorney hath applied to this Board for payment of the said Sum to him in compensation for the loss of part of the said Lot as aforesaid.

Thereupon ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay David Morris as Attorney to the said David Baldwin the said Sum of £224 in full compensation for the Loss of part of his said Lot as aforesaid; deducting thereout the Sum of £10:6:7½ to reim-

burse this Board for so much by them advanced for paving the Street in front of the said Lot

[318] And Whereas this Board hath borrowed of Isaac Roosevelt Esq$^{r}$ the Sum of £213: 13: 4½$^{d}$ for the purpose of paying of & satisfying the said David Baldwin as aforesaid Therefore ordered that a Bond from this Corporation to the said Isaac Roosevelt for the said Sum of £213: 13: 4½ with Interest at 5 P C$^{t}$ per Annum from the said third day of April last be made out that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that M$^{r}$ Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

A Letter from the Treasurer stating the amount of the Monies paid into the Treasury by the several Collectors of the present City Tax—the proportion paid into the Bank to redeem the Notes given by the Citizens towards the Improvem$^{ts}$ to the City Hall & the ballance still due to the Bank on Acc$^{t}$ of those Notes—and the amount of the Sum remain$^{g}$ uncollected of the said Tax; was read and together with an Acc$^{t}$ from the Cashier of the Bank of the Monies received in discharge of the said Notes & of the ballance due thereon as also of the Debt due from this Corporation to the Bank on Bond for Monies borrowed to compleat the City Hall, was referred to the auditing Committee to examine & report on.

[319] A Petition of Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for an increase of the annual Allowance made him for superintending the public Lamps; was read & referred to the Committee for Lamps

M$^{r}$ Recorder from the Committee reported that they had conferred with M$^{r}$ Bardin for the use of his Rooms for the Courts of Justice in this City and that he was perfectly willing to appropriate them to that use; on the public's providing the necessary fire Wood & Candles

George Peck & Francis Arden not having appeared to shew Cause why they should not be removed from the Office of Firemen, on the complaint of the Company of Engine N$^{o}$ 5. Ordered that they be removed from their said Office & that their Names be *struct* [struck] off from the List of Firemen accord$^{gly}$

On a suggestion to the Board that from the great inequallity of the Wards of this City in respect to extent & number of Houses & Inhabitants the Duties of the several public Officers was become very unequal & Burthensome and that a Revision of the Boundaries of the several Wards would have a beneficial Tendency on the Police of this City, Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder & Ald$^{n}$ Van Zandt & Stoutenburgh & Mess$^{rs}$ Pintard & M$^{c}$Crea be a Committee to take this Subject into consideration & to report their Opinion thereon.

[320] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasury to pay

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| Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from 26th October to the 26th Novr | £33: 8:— |
| And for his Acct of contingt Expences in the lamp Departmt & 8 Months Salary to the 16th Novr | £64:19: 4 |
| Murray Mumford & Bowen for 10 Casks Lamp Oil | £86:10: 4 |
| Casimir Th: Goerick for Surveying & regulating Streets | £28: 2:— |
| Peter T Curtenius for repairs an Iron Stove in the Court Room | £0:16:— |
| And Garrit B Abeel for his Services as Clerk of an Election | £0:16:— |

[321] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 30th day of December 1789.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>John Wylley<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Theops Beekman | Esqrs Aldermen | Wm J Elsworth<br>John Pintard<br>Geo. Janeway<br>Peter T Curtenius<br>John Van Dyk<br>Stephen McCrea |

Assistts

The Committee appointed to report to the Bd the proper part of the Common Lands to locate the ten Acres to be granted to Major L.'Enfant for his Services in the Improvements to the City Hall reported that ten Acres of the Common Lands between the Land of David Provoost decd & the Post Road be assigned for the Purpose" which was agreed to by all the Members present except Mr Recorder.

It was then moved that the ten Acres be laid out on the south side of the north Line (of the said Provoost's Land) continued to the Post Road; which was carried in the negative by all the Members present except Mr Recorder Ald. Wylley Aldn Van Zandt & Mr Curtenius.

It was then moved that the ten Acres be laid out between the said Land of the said provoost & the said Post Road & next adjoining the North Line (of John Hardenbrooks Land) continued to the post Road; which was carried in the Affirmative [322] by all the Members present except Mr Recorder, Aldn Wylley Aldn Van Zandt & Mr Curtenius.

Ordered that one of the City Surveyors lay out the said ten Acres & that the Clerk prepare the Draft of a Grant accordingly.

A Motion was then made "that this Board would grant the Sum of £47 towards the digging out of Chatham Street from St James

Street to Division Street" which was carried in the Affirmative as follows viz[t]

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| Ald[n] Bayard | M[r] Recorder |
| Ald[n] Stoutenburgh | Ald[n] Wylley |
| Ald[n] Beekman | Ald[n] Van Zandt |
| M[r] McCrea | M[r] Van Dyk |
| M[r] Janeway | M[r] Curtenius |
| M[r] Elsworth | |
| M[r] Pintard | |

Ordered that M[r] Maghee return to the Board an Acc[t] of all the Expences attend[g] the digging out & removing the Earth from the said Street.

Ordered that Ald[n] Stoutenburgh & Van Zandt & M[r] Pintard be a Committee to examine M[r] Thompsons Acc[t] of the Work done on Chatham Street from Queen Street to the Goal & report the same to the Board.

issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to advance Andrew Thompson the further Sum of £40 towards the digging, filling & paving of the s[d] Street

[323] A Petition relative to the widening of John Street at its entrance into Queen Street was read & referred to the Ald[n] of the East & Montg[y] Wards & the Assist[t] of the East Ward.

Barzilla Dusenbury was appointed a Fire Man to Engine N[o] 8 vice Christ[r] Feigenham resigned.

issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay the Committee appointed to superintend & direct the making of a Bulkhead across S[t] James Slip the Sum of £20 in full for their Contract in that Work.

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| issued | John Stagg for paving Work..... | £29: 5: 6¼ |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey 1 Q[r] Salary as public Whipper from 27[th] Sept[r] to 27[th] Dec[r] Inst..... | £6: 5:— |
| issued | Isaac Stoutenburgh Esq[r] for Repairs to the Bulkhead at Vesey Slip..... | £2: 6: 9 |
| issued | Dunlap & Van Nostrandt for Repairs to the public pumps in the East Ward..... | £43:16: 2½ |

M[r] Recorder informed the Board that the Committee appointed to treat with the Mayor on the subject of giving him a Compensation for his trouble in executing the Office of Mayor instead of the Fees usually allowed him were ready to report Whereupon M[r] Mayor left the Chair & withdrew And M[r] Recorder took the Chair and read the said Report and the same being again read & duly considered was

unanimously agreed to & adopted by the Board; and is in the Words following viz[t]

[324] "The Committee appointed to treat with the Mayor on the subject of giving him a Compensation for his trouble in executing that Office, instead of the Fees usually allowed him. Report.

That from their estimates founded on the best information they have been able to obtain the late Mayor received during his Mayoralty as Fees and perquisites of his Office the Sum of Four Thousand five hundred Pounds or thereabout, which makes upon an average about Eight hundred Pounds a Year. That during the two first Years of his Mayoralty, he Appropriated to his own use the whole produe of the Fees arising from the Markets and Tavern Licences, but that for the three last Years the Corporation have received for the use of the City, one half of the produce of the Fees arising from the Markets and Eighteen shillings for each Tavern Licence; And therefore his Fees and perquisites for the latter period, have averaged only about Six hundred Pounds a Year. That the Fees of the Markets for the last Three Years have upon an average amounted to about Two hundred and Ninety Pounds a Year, and the Fees for Tavern Licences during the same period to about Two hundred and ten Pounds a Year, That no certain estimate can be formed of the Yearly amount of the Fees received by the Mayor of this City, on making Freemen, or Licences to Cartmen, Butchers and others, and on appointing Marshalls and other Officers in the City. The Committee are therefore of opinion, that it would be proper, and have proposed to the present Mayor to pay him at [325] the rate of Six hundred Pounds a Year, to commence the first day of January next. in Quarterly payments; in lieu of the Fees or perquisites he is entitled to, or may claim out of the Fees arising from the Markets, Tavern Licences, and the other particulars above mentioned; And that he should account and pay to the Corporation for the use of the City, such Fees as he may hereafter receive, on account of any of the particulars aforesaid, And the Committee have reason to believe that the Mayor will accede to the said Proposals."

M[r] Mayor being returned the said Report was communicated to him and he was pleased to express his concurrence in the said Report and that he acceded thereto Provided that the same be not construed to affect the Rights or Privileges of the Mayor for the time being, in respect to any of the Fees or Articles mentioned in the said Report which the Mayor of this City hath heretofore claimed or enjoyed.

[326] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 15th day of Jany 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | George Janeway | Assists |
| John Wylley | | Wm J Elsworth | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | John Pintard | |
| Danl McCormick | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| Theops Beekman | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Jeremh Wool | | | |

The Committee appointed to examine the Accts of the Bank and to consider the most eligible mode of settling the same. Report.

That having inquired into the State of the Tax, and the Sums already expended, they find that there is about the Sum of £3789:7:6 Still to be expected from that Assessment, including the amount of Arrears part of which ought to be paid into the State Treasury, there will not be more than sufficient to support the Publick Institutions to the first day of April next, agreeable to the foregoing Estimate. That as it is not possible to make any further Payments to the Bank towards the Ballance due them of £1502:4:11. The Committee are of opinion that it would be proper to compleat a settlement with the directors, by giving an obligation for the Amount due, if in Specie [327] making the usual discount, which settlement will pay the whole Amount of Interest on the Bond of £9000 to the first of January next, and enable the Treasurer out of the Monies still to be collected to pay to James Nicholson the Ballance on his Warrt for Arrears due on the City Hall. The great Amount of the Debt due from the Corporation will naturally suggest the necessity of applying some part of their Revinew if not the whole to the payment of it, so that not only the accumulation of Interest may be prevented but some considerable part of the Principal paid off Annually.

New York December 22nd 1789.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
John Pintard
Peter T Curtenius.

The Estimate referred to in the foregoing report is as follows,

Estimate of the City Expences from 16 Decemr 1789. to 1st April 1790.

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| Poor House | £2250:—:— |
| Watch 14 Weeks at £50. ℔ Week | 700:—:— |
| Lamps from Novr 26 4 Mo £36 ℔ Month | 144:—:— |

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| Mr Van Gelders Salary 6 Months | £30:—:— |
| Pumps and Wells | 100:—:— |
| | £3224:—:— |
| The Ballance to be collected as per Acct rendered | 3134:11: 7½ |
| Add to the above the amount deducted for Arrears which may be retained till demanded by the Treasurer | 654:15:11 |
| | £3789: 7: 6 |

[328] Thereupon ordered that a Bond from this Corporation to Wm Seton for the use of the Bank of New York for the payment of the Sum of £1502:4:11 with Interest at 7 P Ct from the 1st Jany Instant be made out, that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

Mr Mayor then presented to the Board the Draft of a Petition to the Legislature for a Law authorizing the raising of Monies by Lottery or otherwise to discharge the Debt incurred by this Corporation for repairing & improving the City Hall; which was read & agreed to by the Bd

Also the Draft of a Petition to the Legislature for a Law to raise £11000 by Tax for the support of the Poor & other contingent Expences of this City & County the ensuing Year; which was also agreed to by the Bd

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said two Petitions & that Mr Mayor subscribe them on behalf of this Board

Resolved that the said Petitions be presented by Mr Recorder & that the Representatives of this City be requested to use their Endeavors that the several Matters prayed for, may be obtained.

[329] Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to sell, in manner most advantageous, on or before the 20th April next, the Buildings, situate in the Rear of the Alms House, formerly occupied as Barracks —the Purchasor or Purchasors to remove all the Materials by the first day of June next

Ordered that the Committee for Lamps be requested to direct a Lamp to be placed at the Corner of Sloot Alley & Hanover Square

Mr Mayor produced to the Board an Acct of Monies by him recd for Market fees & Tavern Licences from the 14th Octr to the 31st Decr last inclusive amounts to £124:4:10½

Ordered that Mr Mayor retain the said Monies for his own Use on Acct of the Allowance lately made him, instead of Fees, to the 31st December last accordingly

On a Suggestion that a practice prevails among the Citizens of having fire Buckets below the standard of a proper Size.

Resolved that all fire Buckets which shall be made in this City shall be capable of containing two & an half Gallons. and that the same be published.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh Van Zandt & Beekman & Mess$^{rs}$ Pintard & Janeway be a Committee to devise and report the most eligible manner of disposing of the Stalls & Standings in the several Markets in this City and. to enquire into the State & Circumstances of the public Slaughter House & to report the same with their Opinion as to the future disposition of it when M$^{r}$ Blanchards Lease expires.

[330] Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasury to pay

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| issued | Tho$^{s}$ Hays for making Constables & Marshalls Staves.. | £2: 5:— |
| issued | Ab$^{m}$ Delanoy for paint$^{g}$ them..... | £4:13:10½ |
| issued | Ab$^{m}$ Tyson for carpenters Work at the Exchange Bridge ..... | 7: 7: 1 |
| issued to Ald$^{n}$ Bayard | ——— Miller for clean$^{g}$ a public Well in the Out Ward ..... | 1: 4:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for removing & repair$^{g}$ Watchmens Boxes ..... | 0: 9: 6 |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to the public Roads..... | 38: 7: 3 |

Ordered that an additional Stall in the Fly Market below Water Street be appropriated to the use of a Licensed Butcher.

[331] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 29$^{th}$ day of January 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Jerem$^{h}$ Wool | | John Pintard |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Dan$^{l}$ M$^{c}$Cormick | | W$^{m}$ J Elsworth |
| John Wylley | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | George Janeway — Assist$^{ts}$ |
| Theop$^{s}$ Beekman | | John Van Dyk |
| Nich$^{s}$ Bayard | | Peter T Curtenius |
| | | Stephen M$^{c}$Crea |

The following Report was received and after being read & considered was agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

"The Committee appointed to devise & report the most eligible manner of disposing of the Stalls & Standings in the several Markets in this City and to enquire into the State and Circumstances of the public Slaughter House and to report their Opinion as to the future Disposition of it at the Expiration of the present Lease.

Report That on mature Deliberation the present Regulations respecting the public Slaughter House appear to be attended with very considerable Inconvenience [332] to the Butchers, productive of little or no good consequence to the Community & the actual Revenue arising therefrom to the Corporation is considerably less than what might be expected or may be obtained by the Mode hereafter mentioned.

That in the Opinion of the Committee the Butchers will be greatly accommodated, by being permitted to slaughter at their own Houses, subject to such Regulations as the Corporation may establish; whereby the Expence of keeping a public Slaughter House will hereafter be saved.

That it is the Opinion of the Committee that the present Slaughter House should be let out for the space of one Year after the expiration of the present Lease, free of any charge of Repair to the Corporation. for the purpose of accommodating such Butchers as may not be immediately provided with private Slaughter Houses & allowing them time to erect the same.

That in order to prevent the necessity of maintaining a person for the purpose of going from one Butcher to the other to inspect their Slaughter Houses & collecting the Fees as rated at present [333] which would be attended with infinite trouble and expence The Committee are unanimously of a Sentiment, that one single rate be laid on the Stalls of the several Markets in manner hereafter set forth in lieu of all Slaughter House & Market Fees whatever.

That the Rate of Stalls in the Fly Market be estimated at forty Shillings per Month, in the Oswego Market at thirty Shillings per Month & in the Exchange Pecks Slip and new Market at fifteen Shillings per Month

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| That the Fees of the Fly Market now containing 44 Stalls with the addition of 3 more Stalls making in all 47 Stalls will at the above mentioned Rates amount per Month to..... | £94 |
| That the Fees of the Oswego Market containing 16 Stalls will amount to ..... | £24 |
| That the Fees of the Exchange containing 10 Stalls will amount per Month to..... | £7:10:— |
| That the Fees of Peck Slip Market containing 4 Stalls will amount to ..... | £3:—:— |
| And the new Market to..... | £0:15:— |

That in order to distribute the foregoing monthly rates on each Butcher agreable to his respective Ability to bear the same the Committee are of Opinion that the Butchers of each respective Market except the new Market should elect [334] out of their own body two

or more assessors who shall be sworn to assess to each Butcher his proportion of the said Rates, to be collected monthly from each Market which Assessment shall be delivered in to the Corporation & when approved of shall be valid for the Term of one Year.

That the Clerk of the Market shall collect the amount of each Butchers proportion of said Assessment from said Butcher on the last Saturday of every Month & pay the Monies so collected into the Hands of the City Chamberlain

And that in case any Butcher shall neglect to pay in manner aforesaid that on the third day of such neglect his Stall shall be sold at public Outcry to the highest Bidder & the purchasor shall be subject to the same rate as the former Occupant

Should the above Mode be adopted an annual Income of fifteen hundred & fifty five pounds will arise to the Corporation attended with little trouble & Expence in the collection & less liable to the inconveniences & impositions to which the present Mode is exposed."

John Pintard — Isaac Stoutenburgh
George Janeway — Theophilus Beekman

[335] Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for carrying the said Report into effect accordᵍˡʸ

On reading a Petition of several of the Inhabitants in the Out Ward

Ordered that John Coutant & Gilbert Coutant be & they are hereby authorized to erect a Scale at the two Mile Stone in the Out Ward for the weighing of Hay and that they be appointed to the Office of weighers of Hay in like manner & under the same regulations as to Fees as the other weighers of Hay in this City.

A Petition of Abᵐ Willson for a Remission of Quit Rent reserved on certain Water Lots at the North River was read & referred to Aldⁿ Stoutenburgh & Messʳˢ Van Dyck & Janeway

The Committee on the Petition of Abraham Van Gelder, for an encrease of the allowance made him for superintending the lighting of the public Lamps, reported that in their Opinion the Sum of £65 per annum the present allowance is fully adequate to the Service; which was agreed to by the Board.

On a suggestion that the present Mode of storing the Lamp Oil in Cask was subject to great waste from leakage It was ordered that Aldⁿ Stoutenburgh & Messʳˢ Van Dyk & Janeway be a Committee to report a proper [336] place for the erection of a Cistern with an estimate of the Expence.

Ordered that the Treasurer receive from Joseph Shelvey a parcel of Coppers which he says he rec[d] from the Treasury just before they ceased to circulate & that he pay him other Money in lieu thereof: Provided the Sum does not exceed £5 & M[r] Shelvey makes Oath to the Facts.

Ordered that Ald[n] Van Zand & Mess[rs] Curtenius & Pintard be a Committee from time to time to report to the Board the price of Flour.

Assize of Bread flour 50/ per bar[l]

Ordered that the Assize of Bread baked in this City for sale be as follows.

A Loaf of superfine inspected Wheat Flour to weigh 1[lb]: 15[oz] for six Pence.

A Loaf of Rye Flour to weigh 1[lb]: 8[oz] for three Pence

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Elias Burger Jun[r] in full for erect[s] a Wharf at the Battery | £78:—:— |
| issued | Sam[l] Maghee on Acc[t] towards digging out & levelling Chatham Street | £30:—:— |
| issued | Israel Navarro on Acc[t] for repairs the Wharfs at Brooklin Ferry | £16:—:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for fire Wood | £5:—:— |
| issued | Ab[m] Van Gelder for light[s] Lamps from 26[th] Nov[r] to 26[th] Jan[y] Inst | 67:—:— |
| issued | James Robinson for Repairs to the Court Room in the Exchange | 11:—:— |
| issued | James Hill for repairs Lamps | 58: 8:— |

[337] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 1[st] feb[y] 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor

Esq[rs] Ald[n]: Isaac Stoutenburgh, John Wylley, Winant Van Zandt, Theophilus Beekman

Assist[s]: John Pintard, Tobias Van Zandt, W[m] J Elsworth, Peter T Curtenius, Stephen M[c]Crea, John Van Dyk, George Janeway

Ordered that Mess[rs] Pintard, Janeway & M[c]Crea be a Committee to examine & audit the Commiss[rs] Acc[ts]

M[r] Mayor & the other Members proceeded to visit the severals Wards in the Alms House & Bridewell.

And being returned the Committee reported that they had examined & audited the Acctˢ of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter & found them right,

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| the Alms House amountˢ to | £1799:17: 2½ |
| the Bridewell | 236: 0: 1 |

The Committee further reported that from the Acctˢ laid before them it appears that Mʳ Willet Seaman one of the Commissioners had supplied the Alms House with a certain quantity of Leather Shoes [338] at 5/6 a pair & that it was suggested the said Shoes were of bad Quallity & unfit for use; Whereupon the Keeper by order of the Board produced the said Shoes; which on examination were found to be of exceeding bad Quality both as to Materials & Workmanship & by no means worth the Money at which they are charged in Mʳ Simmons Acctᵗ.

Thereupon ordered that Mʳ Simmons be notified to attend at the next Common Council on the Subject.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Commissioners that in their future Purchases of Shoes & other Articles for the Use of the Alms House and Bridewell they give the preferrence to those manufactured in this City.

An Estimate of Monies required the Alms House & Bridewell the ensuing Quarter which was approved vizᵗ

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| The Alms House | £1400:—:— |
| The Bridewell | 100:—:— |
| | £1500:—:— |

issued Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrᵗˢ on the Treasurer to pay the Commissʳˢ the said Sum accordingly

issued And to pay Wᵐ J Elsworth the Sum of £1:10 for the Relief of Peter Waldrons family

issued And to pay Wᵐ Sloo the Sum of £21:15 for conveyᵉ Vagrants to Bridewell

[339] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 12th february 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistts |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Pintard | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | George Janeway | |
| Nicholas Bayard | | John Van Dyk | |
| Daniel McCormick | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | William J Elsworth | |
| John Wylley | | Peter T Curtenius | |

Willet Seaman one of the Commissrs of the Alms [House] (agreable to the order of the last Meeting) attended & informed the Bd of his conduct with respect to the purchase of a quantity of bad Shoes for the use of the Alms House Whereupon it was ordered that the further consideration of the Subject be postponed until the next Meeting when he together with Messrs DePeyster Herring & Nexsen other of the said Commissrs are to attend with the Rules of the sd Commissrs for conducting their Business.

Petitions from the Butchers in the Fly and Oswego Market on the Subject of the proposed [340] System for collecting the Fees of the several Markets, were read & referred to the Committee who reported on that Subject at the last Meeting.

Ordered that the assize of Bread exposed to sale in this city be as follows

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| Assize of Bread sup: Flour 64/ comn do—58/ Rye—16 pr C | A Loaf of inspected superfine Wheat Flour to weigh 1lb: 10oz for six pence |
| | A Loaf of inspected common Wheat Flour to weigh 1lb: 11½oz for six pence |
| | A Loaf of Rye Flour to weigh 1lb: 8oz for three pence |

Ordered that Jacob Shourt be & he is hereby appointed an Inspector of fire Wood in the place of Isaac Delamater deceased

Ordered that the Corporation Wharfinger demand of Genl Malcom the Monies due from him for the wharfage of Vessels lying on the East side of Beekmans Slip.

Resolved that the Resolution of the 4th Decr last be repealed and that in future no prisoner in Goal be subsisted at the public expence if the Magistrate shall signify in the Mittimus that such prisoner is not to be subsisted at the public expence

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Van Zandt & Beekman & M$^{r}$ Janeway be a Committee to enquire into & cause a Survey to be made of the antient Bounds of the *Fresh water Pond & to report the same to the Board.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

[341] The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of Samuel Maghee respecting the digging and carting away the Ground in that part of Chatham Street between S$^{t}$ James Street & Division Street.

Report that the said Samuel Maghee undertook to perform the Work for the Sum of one hundred & sixty seven Pounds which was to be assessed on the several proprietors of Lots fronting said part of Chatham Street in the usual Mode. That on a Representation to the Corporation that the extraordinary Wedth of that part of Chatham Street, bore hard upon said proprietors, this Board resolved to defray such part of the expence as should appear reasonable & adopted as a Rule for their Judgment the plan referred to the Committee which was made out by M$^{r}$ Gœrick one of the City Surveyors. That from said plan it appears that the whole of the Ground to be removed is estimated at 151..442 cubic feet That the Triangle in said Plan, which has been proposed to the Board as the proportion they ought to defray contains 22..369 cubic feet which at the rate of 151..442 feet to £167 will amount to £24:13:3½ but if to said Triangle containing. Cub. f$^{t}$..... 22..369

be added the contents of the Ground in front of Division Fayettee & Mott Streets say..... 10..186

which appertain to those Streets in common with Chatham Street these two Sums of..... 32..555

will in like proportion amount to..... £35:17:11¼

Should the Board adopt the former Sum it [342] may be strictly complying with the Requisition made to defray the Expence of the Triangle, if the latter Sum, it ought to be deemed a generous contribution on the part of this Board tow$^{ds}$ the Relief of the proprietors. It is moreover the Opinion of this Committee that the Sum paid in either Case should be deducted from the original £167 and be carried to the credit of the several proprietors agreable to their respective proportions; which is humbly submitted by

New York feb$^{y}$ 12$^{th}$ 1790

Theo$^{s}$ Beekman
John Pintard

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Beekman & Mess$^{rs}$ Van Zandt & M$^{c}$Crea be a Committee to superintend the digging out of the said Street & see that it be properly done agreable to the Regulation.

* Marginal note reads *Collect.*—Ed.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Wts on the Treasurer to pay Mr Maghee the further Sum of £5:17:11¾ in full of the Corporations proportion of digging out sd Street

To the Assistants of the several Wards the following Sums to be by them distributed to the poor & indigent families in their respective Wards vizt

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| | South Wd ..... | £10 | North Wd ..... | £18 | |
| issued | Dock Wd ..... | 6 | Montg Wd ..... | 20 | |
| | East Wd ..... | 6 | Out Wd ..... | 19 | |
| | West Wd ..... | 21 | | | |
| | | | | 57 | |
| | | £43 | | 43 | |
| | | | | £100 | Total |

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| issued | To Jamison Cox for subsisting criminal prisoners for the Mths of Novr Decr & Jany last..... | £61: 4:11 |
| issued | Isaac Van Durzen for Blacksmith Work to pumps in Montg Ward ..... | 7:11:– |
| issued | Aldn Beekman for Repairs to Pecks Slip Bridge..... | 0:19: 9 |

[343] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 19th day of febv 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Daniel McCormick | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Wm J Elsworth | |
| John Wylley | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Peter Curtenius | |
| Theops Beekman | | George Janeway | |
| Jeremh Wool | | John Van Dyck | |

Mr Willet Seaman & the other Commissrs of the Alms House agreable to the order of the last Meeting again attended the Board & were examined with respect to the bad Shoes purchased & supplied by Mr Seaman for the use of the Alms House.

Thereupon resolved that such of the said Shoes as remain unissued be returned by the Commissioners to Mr Seaman and that he be required to repay such part of the Monies he received as the said Shoes which shall be returned shall amount to at the rate charged in his account

[344] The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the Butchers read at the last Meeting delivered in a Report

Whereupon the Board proceeded to the Consideration of the Ordinance prepared by the Clerk agreable to the order of the 29th Ultimo

and the same being read by paragraphs and amended was agreed to & passed by the Board. by the following Title viz[t]

"A Law to alter & establish the Mode of collecting the Fees of the Standings in the several public Market places in this City."

Ordered that Abraham Van Gelder & Rinier Skaats be appointed to collect the Monies to be paid Weekly by the Butchers in pursuance of the said Law and to pay the same into the Treasury of this City; that is to say Ab[m] Van Gelder in the Fly, Peck Slip & Catharine Slip Markets & Rinier Skaats in the Oswego & Exchange Markets.

M[r] Mayor laid before the Board a Copy of the Law of this State lately passed authorizing this Corporation to raise £13000 by Lottery to discharge the Debt incurred by this Board in repairing & improving the City Hall which was read & referred to Ald[n] Stoutenburgh & M[c]Cormick & Mess[rs] Pintard, Elsworth & M[c]Crea to report a Scheme & the most proper Method of conducting the Business of the said Lottery.

[345] Whereas it appears from a Bill now pending in the hon[ble] the House of Assembly that the Legislature have it in contemplation by Law to apply Fort George in this City and certain Lands adjoining to the same and the Battery near the same Fort to public Use And altho' this Corporation claim Title as well to certain part of the said Lands as to the Soil from high to low Water Mark in the River in Front of the said Fort and Battery and the Lands adjoining the same Yet this Board conceiving that the applying of the whole of the said Premisses to public Uses will be beneficial to the Community.

Resolved that this Board do hereby signify their Consent that the said Lands and premisses above mentioned should be vested in the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Trust to remain for such public Uses as the Legislature of this State shall from time to time declare & for no other Use.

Ordered that a Copy of the aforegoing Resolution with the Seal of this Corporation affixed & subscribed by M[r] Mayor be delivered to M[r] Recorder to be by him presented to the Legislature if the same shall be necessary.

Ordered that the Lamp Committee take order with respect to the removing the Lamps to the House, in the Broad Way, taken for the Residence of the President of the United States

[346] The follow[g] Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

The Committee appointed to report a proper Place for the erection of a Cistern to contain the public Lamp Oil & to estimate the Expence.

Do report that in their Opinion a House of 36 feet by 24 built of Brick & covered with Pantile with a Cellar at the one end & a Cistern or Cisterns at the other to contain fifty barrels That the Floor over the Cisterns be made tight & descending from all sides towards the center over the Cisterns to receive the leakage of what may be stored in Cask, be erected in the Yard behind the Bridewell.

That the Expence of erecting the said House & Cisterns with what labor & Materials may be furnished by the Alms House & Bridewell will not exceed the Sum of £150.

febʸ 19th 1790

Isaac Stoutenburgh
George Janeway
John Van Dyk.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

issued Rinier Skaats for 1 Qr Services as Door keeper from the 15th Novr to 15th Inst & 5/6 for disbursements.... £10: 5: 6

issued Simon Kiersted for Repairs to the public pumps in the Wt Ward ..... 6:12:—

[347] City of New York } At a Common Council held on Friday the 26th day of Febʸ 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Pintard |
| Jeremh Wool | | Wm J Elsworth |
| Nichs Bayard | | John Van Dyk |
| Winant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt |
| John Wylley | | Stephen McCrea |
| Theops Beekman | | Peter T Curtenius |
| Danl McCormick | | George Janeway |

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A Letter from the Treasurer was read suggesting to the Board the expediency of issuing small Notes to pass as a circulating Medium in this City and thereby remove the inconveniency which hath arisen to the Inhabitants from the want of small Change since the ceasing to pass of the Copper Coin.

Whereupon Mr Pintard submitted to the Board the following Plan on that Subject vizt

Whereas the Inhabitants of this City have experienced great Losses from the circulation of base Coppers insomuch as at present to put an entire stop thereto whereby great inconveniences arise from the want of small change especially to the poorer Class of Citizens

[348] In order to avoid the like ill consequences in future &

prevent the gross Impositions which have been sustained by the coining and circulation of base Coppers; the following Plan for emitting small Bills of the value of one Penny, two Pence & three Pence, to the amount of one thousand Pounds current Money of the State of New York, is respectfully submitted.

Plan for emitting the Sum of One thousand Pounds Currency in one hundred & fifty Six thousand Bills, of the value of one penny, two pence & three Pence viz$^{t}$

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| 96,000 | Bills of 1 Penny each is..... | £400 |
| 36,000 | d$^{o}$ of 2 Pence..... | 300 |
| 24000 | d$^{o}$ of 3 pence..... | 300 |
| 156000 | Bills | £1000. |

Which Bills shall be respectively printed in the following Words.

" I promise to pay the bearer on demand.....by order of the Corporation of the City of New York feb$^{y}$ 26$^{th}$ 1790

Daniel Phœnix City Treasurer "

These Bills as also the Signature can be printed without any Danger of counterfeit or the least possible Risk to the Corporation thereby; by which Means the trouble of signing may be avoided.

Should the Board concur in Opinion of the necessity of this undertaking, it would be proper that a Committee should be appointed to superintend and direct the Business subject to the Order of the Board and whenever any part of the [349] Bills are compleated & ready for emission that they be delivered into the hands of the City Chamberlain and so on until the whole are finished to be applied by him to the uses of this Corporation.

An exact Estimate could not be obtained of the Expences which might attend this Business—It is highly probable however that they will be more than defrayed by the inevitable Loss which will ensue from the wear & tear by circulation—The whole therefore may be safely submitted to the prudence & management of the Committee And as this Emission is intended for the more particular Accommodation of the poor Citizens it is presumed that the Committee that may be appointed will chearfully perform the Services gratis.

Should the Board adopt this or any other similar Resolution it may be well to publish their intention for the information of their Constituents, in order to prevent the return of bad Coppers into circulation again, as a small delay will be better than to submit to the former

inconvenience; especially if the Committee exert themselves the Emission may begin to circulate within a Fortnight

John Pintard"

The aforegoing plan having been read & duly considered by the Board was unanimously approved.

Ordered that Ald[n] M[c]Cormick & Van Zandt & M[r] Pintard be a Committee for carrying the same into effect.

[350] Assize of Bread
Superfine flour 60/ per bar[l]
common flour 56/ p[r] bar[l]
Rye 16/ p[r] C

Ordered that the Assize of Bread baked & exposed in this City for sale be as follows viz[t]

A Loaf of inspected superfine Wheat Flour to weigh 1[lb]: 11½[oz] for six pence

A Loaf of inspected common Wheat Flour to weigh 1[lb]: 12½[oz] for six pence

A Loaf of Rye Flour to weigh 1[lb]: 8[oz] for three pence

Ordered that Ald[n] Beekman & Mess[rs] M[c]Crea & Janeway be a Committee to enquire into & report on the Case of Hannah Baker as to her Claim of Compensation for the House erected on the triangular Piece of Ground at the junction of the Post & Bloomingdale Roads

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay Dan[l] Shaffer the Sum of £2:2:6 for sweeping the Chimnies in the Goal.

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[351] City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held on Thursday the 4[th] day of March 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Wynant Van Zandt | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | John Pintard | Assistants |
| Nicholas Bayard | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | George Janeway | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| John Wylley | | Stephen M[c]Crea | |
| Daniel M[c]Cormick | | William J Elsworth | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | John Van Dyk | |

The Committee to whom was referred the Statute lately passed authorizing this Corporation to raise Monies by Lottery for discharging the Debt incurred by this Corporation for the Improvements & Repairs to the City Hall reported on the Subject.

Whereupon it was resolved that the Monies required for the purpose aforesaid be raised by two Lotteries and that the first of the

said Lotteries be immediately set on foot for raising the Sum of £7500 agreable to the following Scheme & under the following Rules & Regulations viz[t]

[352] Scheme of the Lottery.

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| 1 | Prize | of..... | £3000..... | £3000 |
| 2 | d° | of..... | 1000..... | 2000 |
| 3 | d° | of..... | 500..... | 1500 |
| 10 | d° | of..... | 200..... | 2000 |
| 30 | d° | of..... | 100..... | 3000 |
| 50 | d° | of..... | 50..... | 2500 |
| 120 | d° | of..... | 20..... | 2400 |
| 180 | d° | of..... | 10..... | 1800 |
| 7950 | d° | of..... | 4..... | 31800 |
| 8346 | Prizes | | | £50000 |
| 16654 | Blanks | | | |

25000 Tickets at 40/ each and the prizes subject to a deduction of 15 P[r] C[t]

That four Persons be appointed by this Board to conduct & manage the said Lottery who shall respectively take & subscribe an Oath faithfully & honestly to execute the Trust reposed in them as Managers and who shall also respectively give Bonds with two approved Securities in the Sum of £4000 conditioned that they respectively shall and will well faithfully & honestly execute the Trust reposed in them and shall & will observe & obey such Instructions as they shall from time to time receive from the Common Council of this City.

That they procure the printing of 25000 Tickets on the most reasonable Terms in the following Words & Figures viz[t]

[353] City of
New York Lottery.....N°——

The Possessor of this Ticket shall be entitled to such prize as shall be drawn to this Number in the Lottery agreable to an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed the 14[th] february 1790 subject to a deduction of 15 P[r] C[t]—which said Tickets shall be numbered from 1 to 25000 inclusive & signed by any one of the Managers

That the said Managers also procure the printing of 2000 hand Bills of the Scheme & such Additions thereto as they shall deem expedient to be distributed to the Public.

That it shall be the Duty of the Managers to dispose of the Tickets to prepare & roll up the Numbers Blanks & Prizes to prepare the Wheels & superintend the drawing of the Lottery & employ such Clerks as they shall think necessary, to publish the numbers of the

fortunate Tickets after the drawing is finished & to pay the amt of the prizes to such as are entitled thereto

That the said Managers shall be allowed each the Sum of one hundred Pounds for their Trouble And that this Board will defray all the Expences of printing & of the Clerks & Assistants for drawing the Lottery over & above the said Sum.

And that the drawing of the said Lottery be advertized to commence on the first day of August next or sooner if filled.

[354] The Board then proceeded to the nomination & appointment of four Managers of the said Lottery & Isaac Stoutenburgh Peter T Curtenius, John Pintard and Abraham Herring were duly nominated & appointed accordingly.

The following Persons were then named by the respective Managers as their Securities who were approved by the Board vizt

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| William Denning<br>William Heyer | for Mr Stoutenburgh |
| Theophilus Beekman<br>Stephen McCrea | for Mr Curtenius |
| Lewis Pintard<br>William Maxwell | for Mr Pintard |
| John De Peyster<br>Cornelius C Roosevelt | for Mr Herring |

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Bonds accordingly

On a reconsideration of the Weekly Sum to be paid by all the Butchers in the Fly Market

Resolved that the Weekly Sum to be collected in the said Market be £16:9/ & that the lowest Sum to be paid Weekly for a Stall be four Shillings.

Ordered that Gerard Bancker Esqr State Treasurer be requested to deliver to Aldn McCormick & Van Zandt & Mr Pintard (the Committee appointed to direct the printing of the Notes to be circulated for small Change) the Paper granted by the Legislature for the use of this Corporation.

[355] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 19th day of March 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Jeremiah Wool
John Wylley
Wynant Van Zandt
Theophilus Beekman
Daniel McCormick
} Esqrs Aldn

John Pintard
Tobias Van Zandt
George Janeway
Peter T Curtenius
John Van Dyk
Stephen McCrea
William J Elsworth
} Assistts

Benjamin Egberts Grocer.
Frederick Davoue Grocer
} admitted & sworn free Men

Genl Malcom attended the Board & was heard on the Subject of the Demand of the Corporation Wharfinger against him for the Wharfage of Vessels on the East side of Beekman Slip.

Whereupon the said Subject was referred to Aldn Beekman & Messrs Pintard & Janeway to make a full enquiry into the Facts & report the same to the Board.

Ordered that Mr Skaats deposit the Key of the Exchange Room in a proper House in the Vicinity so that access may be had to the Bell and the Capt of the Watchman is directed to dispatch one of his Men to ring it immediately on the discovery of Fire.

Ordered that Aldn Stoutenburgh & Wool & Messrs Van Zandt Pintard & Janeway be a Committee to view the Land at the Fort & Battery & report the necessary Measures to be taken by this Board with respect to the levelling of the same.

[356] The Committee appointed to report a Regulation for the unlicensed Butchers in the lower part of the Fly Market delivered in a Report on that Subject And it was Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer Ordered that he be authorized & directed to pay off & discharge the Bonds against this Corporation of Augts Van Horne & Elizabeth Rivington—of Philena Barnes of Thomas Fisher—of Gerard Walton of Isaac Mead, of James Blanchard of John Montanye & of Peter T Curtenius in such proportions as the State of the Revenue Fund will admit

A Petition of James Abeel relative to Gun Powder stored in the Magazine in 1784 was read And it was ordered that a Copy thereof be given to John Gilbert Store Keeper.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the West Ward direct a Bulk-

head to be erected to prevent the running out of the Earth in the upper part of Greenwich Street.

Ordered that Zach$^{s}$ R Sickels be appointed a Measurer of Grain

And that Thomas Kinnan be appointed an Inspector of Fire Wood in the place of Matthew Wool dec$^{d}$

The auditing Committee submitted to the consideration of the Board an Acc$^{t}$ of the Coroner Whereupon it was Resolved that he be allowed forty two Shillings for each Inquest

[357] Ordered that the Committee who reported on the Oil Store be directed to cause the same to be immediately erected agreable to their said Report in the most œconomical manner possible.

Ordered that the Salary of the public Whipper be encreased to £26 p$^{r}$ Annum.

A Petition of Leonard Fisher with proposals to purchase the Fee of a certain Lot he holds under Lease from this Corporation was read & referred to the Treasurer.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Van Zandt & Beekman & M$^{r}$ Janeway be a Committee to view the Brooklyn Ferry House & direct such Repairs as they shall deem necessary for its preservation

Ordered that the Inspectors of fire Wood be allowed two pence per Load—one half to be paid by the Buyer & the other by the Seller

It being suggested to the Board that the Sale of the Lottery Tickets would be promoted if the Managers were authorized to sell them on Credit to substantial purchasors on taking their Notes with one good Endorser & payable 1$^{st}$ Aug$^{t}$ next

Ordered that the Managers be authorized to sell the said Lottery Tickets on Credit accordingly.

On reading a Letter from Col$^{o}$ Henry Rutgers

Ordered that the Committee appointed to direct a Survey of the Streets in the vicinity of the Jews burial Ground be directed to enquire into an Encroachm$^{t}$ said to be made on Bancker & William Streets

[358] Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Ephraim Brasher Coroner for Inquests on dead bodies from 13$^{th}$ Jan$^{y}$ 1789 to *to* the 17$^{th}$ March Inst..... | £54:12:— |
| issued | W$^{m}$ Smith for Repairs to Pumps in Mont$^{g}$ & the North Wards ..... | £25:13: 9 |
| issued | Hugh Gaine for printing the small Change Notes..... | £25:—:— |
| issued | Archibald M$^{c}$Lean for printing Advertizements..... | £6: 2:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 26th March 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Isaac Stoutenburgh, John Wylley, Jeremiah Wool, Theophilus Beekman, Wynant Van Zandt, Daniel McCormick, John Pintard, Peter T Curtenius, Wm J Elsworth, Stephen McCrea, George Janeway

Samuel Bell Cabinet maker admitted & sworn a free Man

The Committee on the Petition of Abm Wilson for a remission of Quit Rent reported that the granting the prayer of the Petition would introduce a Precedent injurious to the Revenue of this Corporation & that it ought not to be complied with; which was agreed to by the Board.

[359] The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Firemen reported as follows which was agreed to by the Board vizt

" That upon enquiring into the manner of using the fire Engines of the smallest Size they find that they are used to approach nearest to the fire and are therefore best adapted for the Leaders to convey Water through Windows and narrow passes and that they are generally used in that way. That when the Leaders are used none but firemen are willing to support them, as it is attended by a general wetting by the Water which gushes out of the Seams. Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that the compliment to each of the said Engines be continued to ten Men agreable to the prayer, of the said Petition."

This Board conceiving it their Duty to use every Means in their Power to effect the compleat removal of the Earth & Stone & levelling the Ground at the Fort & Battery so as to accommodate the Building to be erected there for the use of the Governmt and also to continue the Wharf or Bulkhead, in the River, to the Corner of the Battery at Whitehall Slip; And this Board being at present destitute of the necessary pecuniary Means for the purposes aforesaid.

Therefore resolved that an Application be made to the Legislature for raising the Sum of £5000 for the purposes afd in addition [360] to the Sum directed by Law for defraying the contingent Expences of this City this Year.

A Petition for the purposes of the aforegoing Resolution was then read & agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto—that Mr Mayor subscribe the same & that Mr Recorder present it to the Legislature.

Ordered that Messrs Tobias Van Zandt & George Janeway be appointed Commissioners to superintend the taking down the Stone & removing the Earth of the Fort—That they set apart & reserve such & so much of the Stone as may be necessary for the erection of the Govt House and that the residue of the Stone be sold under their immediate Inspection for the best price that may be had and that they render an acct thereof to this Board. And that the said Commissioners shall be allowed at the rate of ten Shillings for each Day they or either of them shall attend the said Business to be divided between them.

A Letter from Peter P Van Zandt on the subject of his Claim at Burlings Slip; was read & referred to the former Committee on that Subject.

A Petition of Wm Sloo was read & referred to the Committee for erecting the Oil Store & that the same Committee report a proper Allowance for the Overseer [361] of the Department of the Alms House set apart for a Work House

A Petition of Peter Arell & others for a Regulation of Chambers Street was read & referred to the Committee for obtaing a Survey of the Streets at Fresh Water.

The Board being convinced that the Law lately passed for collecting the Fees of Market is ineffectual

Therefore Be it ordained that the Law or Ordinance passed the 19th feby last entitled "A Law to alter and establish the Mode of collecting the Fees of the Standings in the several public Market places in this City" shall after the 27th Instant be repealed.

And be it further ordained that from & after the said 27th Instant the several & respective Butchers, as well licensed as unlicensed, shall pay for their respective Standings unto the Clerk of the Market or Deputy or Deputies the followg Rates vizt

for four Quarters of Beef two Shillings

for four Quarters of Mutton, Veal, or Lamb four Pence.

And for four Quarters of fresh Pork six pence in lieu of all other Market Fees whatsoever

Ordered that Samuel Bell be appointed a fire Man to Engine No 15 in the stead of John Mowat resigned

Aldn Bayard being indisposed Ordered that Aldn Beekman be appointed in his stead to enquire into the Encroachmt on Bancker & Wm Streets.

[362] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on
issued to Aldn the Treasury to advance the Committee for erecting
Stoutenburgh the Oil Store the Sum of £100 on Acct

And to pay.

issued Abm Van Gelder the Sum of £67:1:4 for lighting the public Lamps from the 26th Jany last to the 26th Instant

issued Wm Morton for printg Advertizemts..... £1: 3:—

issued Joseph Shelvey public Whipper for 1 Qr Salary to the 27th Inst..... £6: 9:11¼

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 6th day of April 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Jeremiah Wool, Wynant Van Zandt, Theophilus Beekman, Isaac Stoutenburgh, John Wylley

Assistts: John Pintard, William J Elsworth, Peter T Curtenius, Tobias Van Zandt, George Janeway, Stephen McCrea

Pursuant to the Statute entitled "An Act for regulating Elections" the Board proceded to the Election of Inspectors of the ensuing Genl Election & the following Persons were duly elected [363] vizt

| South Ward | Dock Ward |
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| William Cock | Michael D Henry |
| Samuel Bard | Nicholas Hoffman |
| Thomas Randall | Peter Mackie |
| **East Ward** | **West Ward** |
| Leonard M Cutting | William W Gilbert |
| Comfort Sands | Thomas Ellison |
| William Edgar | Frederick Rhinelander |
| **North Ward** | **Montgomerie Ward** |
| Robert Troup | Edward Greswold |
| Jacobus Lefferts | Thomas Lawrence |
| Gerardus Duyckinck | Thomas Stagg |

**Out Ward**

David Provoost. Charles Wright & Abm Beekman

The Clerk presented to the Board certain Articles of Agreement of the Sale of Lots No 14 & 24 of the Common Lands to Doctor Samuel Nicoll agreable to the Report of the Committee of the 19th August last; which were approved by the Bd

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that the same be delivered to Doctor Nicoll on his executing the counterpart

The Clerk presented to the Board a Map or Survey of the 10 Acres of Common Lands to be granted to Major L'Enfant agreable to the Resolutions of this Board of the 12th October & 30th December last which was approved of by the Board & is described as follows. Beginning at the North Corner of the Lane of two Roods Wide leading from the Post Road to the farm of David provoost decd thence N° 43° East along the post Road eleven Chains & sixty one Links, thence S° 49° 30′ East seven Chains & eighty three Links thence S° 35° 30′ West eleven Chains and seventy two Links. & thence North 49° & 30′ West, along the said Lane, nine Chains & thirty six Links. to the place of beginning. [364] Containing Ten Acres of Land

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Draft of a Grant accordingly.

On reading a Petition of Moses Rogers Ordered that he be permitted to lead a Drain from the Cellar of his House into the public Drain in Burlings Slip so long as the said main Drain shall be continued.

Ordered that Jacob Shourt Inspector of fire Wood take the place of Barnt Martling resigned.

The Committee to whom was referred the Case of Hannah Baker for a Compensation for the Improvements on the triangular Piece of Ground at the junction of the Post & Bloomingdale Roads delivered in a Report

Ordered that the Clerk obtain an Answer from the Corporation of the Episcopal Church whether they will accept a Grant of the said Piece of Ground on the Terms agreed to by this Board on the 24th June last

The Committee appointed to consider of the Repairs & Improvements necessary to be made to the Battery and the Mode of carrying them into effect made the following Report which was agreed to by the Board vizt

" That they have ordered the Survey accompanying this Report to be made of the Battery from the Wharf erected by the Corporation last Year to White Hall Slip.

That in the Opinion of the Committee [365] the said Wharf should be continued extending in a right Line to the Point A in the Survey being the outermost part of the Bastion on the Flat Rock and from thence in a strait direction to the Point B. being the Southwest

point of the Battery, agreable to the exterior Line A: B: in the Survey reference thereto will more fully explain

That the said Wharf so to be erected should in the Opinion of your Committee be constructed after a similar manner with the aforesaid part erected last Year and that Commissioners should be appointed to carry the same into immediate effect, authorized to make Contracts for the purpose in behalf of this Corporation upon the most œconomical Principles and that a Warrant be granted them upon the City Treasurer for said Purposes for a Sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds and that they be accountable to this Board for the expenditure thereof.

That the Commissioners so appointed should be instructed to lend every Assistance to the Commissioners for building the Government House, by levelling the Ground, digging the foundation for the Buildings about to be erected and preparing whatever Stone may be requisite for said Buildings & by lending every facility & Aid in their power to the said Commissioners."

[366] The Board then proceeded to appoint three Commissioners for the Purposes mentioned in the said Report and Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh & Mess$^{rs}$ Curtenius & Pintard were appointed accordingly

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to issued advance the said Commissioners the Sum of £500 on acc$^{t}$ for the purposes aforesaid.

The Committee appointed for the purpose delivered in a Survey or Regulation for the several Streets in the vicinity of *Fresh Water; which was ordered to be filed.

Ordered that the same Committee cause a Survey to be made of the Broad Way from the South side of the †burnt lutheran Church northwards to the end that an Ordinance may be passed for the new paving thereof.

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{ts}$ of the North and West Wards be a Committee to examine and report the best manner of leading off the filthy Water from the Goal, Alms House & Bridewell.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Encroachments on William & Lombard Streets in the Out Ward reported that they *they* had, with the City Surveyor surveyed the said Streets and made such arrangements in Lombard Street as will prove effectual with respect to that Street

That in ranging William Street there appears to be very considerable Encroachments. M$^{r}$ John Lawrence being the [367] principal

* Marginal note reads *Collect.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *corner of Rector Street.*—ED.

Person complained of made his appearance and persisted in his Title to the premisses & requested that he might be heard by himself or Counsel on the Subject; whereupon the Committee had suspended any farther proceedings thereon until the further pleasure of the Board.

Ordered that Mr Lawrence be heard on the Subject at the next Meeting of this Board.

The Committee on the Petition of Wm Sloo for a Compensation for extra Service in the fishing Season & who were also instructed to report a Compensation to the Superintendant of the Work House reported that as the Services in both Cases were performed under the immediate Inspection of the Commissrs of the Alms House & Bridewell it would be most proper to refer the Subject to them to report their Opinion thereon

Ordered that the said two Cases be referred to the said Commissrs accordingly

Ordered that the Bond of John Dey agt this Corporation be included in the number of those directed on the 19th Ulto to be paid off by the Treasurer.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | James Wing for Lamp Oil | £98:16: 2 |
| | James Parsons & Sons for do | 124: 2: 6 |
| | Wilson Rawson for do | 84:10: 3 |
| | James Barker for do | 474: 4: 4½ |
| | | £781:13: 3 3/2* |

[368] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 16th day of April 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Daniel McCormick<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>Nicholas Bayard<br>John Wylley<br>Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth<br>George Janeway<br>Stephen McCrea<br>John Pintard<br>Peter T Curtenius<br>Tobias Van Zandt |
| | | Assistts |

Ordered that the Aldn of the So Ward & the Aldn & Assist of the Dock Ward be a Committee to cause the Line of the West side of the

*3/2 is doubtless the clerk's error for ½.—Ed.

Broad Street to be surveyed & made regular and that they direct Mr Cruger in the placing of his House there.

The Clerk according to order presented the Draft of a Grant to Major L'Enfant for the ten Acres of Common Lands; which was read, approved & ordered to be engrossed

A Petition of Cathn Lawrence for a Grant of the Water Lot on the West side of Beekmans Slip; was read & referred to Aldn Beekman Mr Pintard & Mr Janeway

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the East Ward & the Aldn of Montgy Ward be a Committee to examine & direct the necessary Improvements to the Fish Market.

[369] Aldn McCormick from the Committee appointed to superintend & direct the printing of the Notes for small change agreable to the Report of the Committee of the 26th feby last delivered a Receipt of the City Treasurer (which was ordered to be filed) from which it appears that he had received from the said Committee three thousand & seven Sheets containing thirty six thousand & eighty four Notes of the followg Denomination vizt 36084 of 1d—36084 of 2d—& 36084 of 3d—amountg in the whole to £902:2/. Which are placed to the credit of this City

The Committee appointed to report the best manner of carrying off the filthy Water from the Goal, Alms House & Bridewell reported "that a large Sink of 30 feet in length & eight feet in breadth ought to [be] built near the Goal which will answer the purpose for many Years" which was agreed to by the Board and it was ordered that the same Committee take order for building the same in the most œconomical manner.

On a suggestion by the Commissrs of the Alms House that the piece of Ground adjoining the Gallows might be usefully applied as a Bleach Yard for the Alms House Ordered that the Commissrs apply the said Ground accordingly.

Mr Lawrence, according to the Order of the last Meeting, attended the Board & was heard on the Subject of the Encroachment on William & Bancker Street Whereupon it was ordered that the Committee on that Subject direct the Surveyor to ascertain the South line of William Street & report the same to the Board.

[370] Ordered that Permission be given for the erection of the necessary Conveniences for the safe keeping of the Barge of the President of the United States, in Thames Slip.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the East & the Aldn of Montgomerie Ward be a Committee to cause a Survey to be made of the

Line of Water Street where Mr Jacobus Lefferts is about to erect a House to the end that the Street may not be encroached on.

Resolved that so much of Dr Thomas Jones Ground as falls within Barclay Street be considered as taken in pursuance of the Law relative to the burnt part of the City, at the expence of this Corporation and that the Commissrs be requested to report what Compensation ought to be made to him for the same

The Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell reported and thereupon Resolved that Wm Sloo keeper of the Bridewell be allowed (in addition to the Sums heretofore granted him) the Sum of forty pounds in full compensation to this Day, for his extraordinary Services & exertions in taking Fish for the use of the Alms House & Bridewell And that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay him that Sum accordingly.

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Resolved that Wm Sloo Junr be allowed at the rate of twenty Pounds per Annum from the 1st Jany last as Superintendant of the Work House.

Resolved that the Corporation of the Episcopal Church be informed that on [371] their making Compensation to Hannah Baker to the amount of seventy pounds for the Improvements on the Triangular piece of Ground at the junction of the Post & Bloomingdale Roads this Board will pass a Grant of the said Piece of Ground to the said Corporation on the Terms agreed to by this Board on the 24th June last

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board communicate the aforegoing Resolution to the said Corporation & request their Answer by the 30th Instant

Be it ordained that the Ordinance heretofore passed for the regulating & paving of Water Street from Pecks Slip to St James Slip be & the same is hereby repealed.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for the regulating & paving of the sd Street And also that he prepare Ordinances for paving of the Streets on both sides of the Fly Market from Queen Street to the River.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be as follows

Assize
sup. flour 68/
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A Loaf of inspected superfine Wheat Flour to weigh 1lb: 8¼oz for six pence

A Loaf of inspected common Wheat Flour to weigh 1lb: 11oz for six pence.

A Loaf of Rye Flour to weigh 1lb: 8oz for three pence

The Committee on the public Roads delivered in a Report.

Whereupon the Board determined it to be most expedient that the public Roads on this Island should be kept in repair by Contract and that they would receive written proposals for the purpose sealed & delivered at the Clerks Office until the fifth day of May next [372] and that for the accommodation of the Persons desirous to contract the several Roads be divided into Districts to the end that one Person may contract for such proportion of the Road as may be convenient for him to work the Proposals to designate the District or Districts of the Road & the Price for keeping the same in good Order & Repair for one Year subject to the Inspection & Direction of a Committee of this Board And that all the Bridges in the respective Districts be included in the Contract The Districts to be as follows.

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| 1st District | From Aldn Bayards Lane to the Gate of James Beekman. |
| 2d District | Thence to the Road leading from the Post Road to the Town of Harlem includs the Caus Way & Bridge over Harlem Creek & the Bridge at the post Road. |
| 3d District | Thence to Kings Bridge includs the Bridge |
| 4th District | From the junction of the post & Bloomingdale Roads near the three Mile Stone round by Mr Apthorps to the post Road at the seven Mile Stone. |
| 5th District | From Harrisons Brewery round by Mr John Leakes to the Bloomingdale Road including the middle Road from the Hospital to the Sand Hill Road & including the two Cross Roads. |

Ordered that the Clerk cause the same to be advertized accordingly

[373] The following Persons were nominated & appointed firemen of this City vizt

James Aymar & Andrew Sitcher to compleat the number of ten to Engine No 5.

Nathaniel Woodward to Engine No 4.

Abraham Ackerman & Abraham Shotwell to Engine No 6.

John Titus, in the place of William Carmen resigned, and Caleb Haviland & Frederick Elsworth to compleat the number, to Engine No 1.

And Jacob Roome (in the place of John Henry resigned) and Robert Sneden to compleat the number to Engine No 3.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Evert Bancker Junr for making Surveys of several Streets the Sum of..... | £6: 4:— |
| issued | Henry Shute for repairs to the public Roads..... | 23:11: 6 |

[374] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 30th day of April 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Daniel McCormick
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
John Wylley
} Esqrs Aldn

John Van Dyk
Stephen McCrea
William J Elsworth
John Pintard
Peter Curtenius
George Janeway
} Assistts

Ordered that the Treasurer borrow from the Revenue fund one Weeks pay for the City Watch.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be as follows vizt

Assize
sup. 65/pr barl
com: 60/ do
Rye 16/ pr C

A Loaf of inspected superfine Wheat Flour to weigh 1lb: 9½oz for six pence
A Loaf of inspected common Wheat Flour to weigh 1lb: 11oz for six pence
A Loaf of Rye Flour 1lb: 8 for three pence

An Ordinance entitled "a Law for the paving of the Street on both sides of the Fly Market from Queen Street to the River" was read & passed.

Ordered that Mr Winthrop be permitted to have an Area to his House erecting in Wall Street of the Breadth of five feet

[375] It being suggested to the Board that Major L'Enfant declined accepting of a Grant of the 10 Acres of the Common Lands; which this Board have determined to grant to him Whereupon it was ordered that the Clerk communicate this to Major L'Enfant & report his answer to the Board and that in the mean time the engrossing of the Grant ordered on the 16th Instant be suspended.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | James Culbertson for superintendg the cleang of the Streets last Year..... | £25:—:— |
| issued | Walter Heyer for cooperage to Oil Casks..... | £2: 8: 9 |

Ordered that Mr Culbertson be again appointed to superintend the cleaning of the Streets this Year at the above Rate & that he cause the Law to be duly executed

[376] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 3d day of May 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
& several of the Aldn & Assistts

But the number being insufficient to form a Quorum for Business; Mr Mayor was pleased to adjourn the Board to meet at this place on Monday next at 3 O'Clock in the Afternoon

Monday May 10th 1790.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment
Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Daniel McCormick<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>John Wylley<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth<br>John Pintard<br>George Janeway<br>Peter Curtenius<br>Stephen McCrea | Assistts |

Ordered that Aldn Wylley & Messrs Curtenius & Pintard be a Committee to examine & audit the Commissioners Accts of the last Quarter.

Ordered that the Warrant in favor of Abm Van Gelder of the 26th March last for lighting the public Lamps & the Warrt in favor of James Culbertson of the 30th Ult. for superintending the cleaning of the [377] Streets last Year be paid out of the Revenue fund & charged to the proper funds to be replaced out of the ensuing Tax

Ordered that the Gentlemen of the Law Society have permission to use the Court Room in the Exchange.

On a suggestion that the Road between Dyckmans & Kings Bridge is so out of Repair as to be almost impassable.

Ordered that Mr Waldron be desired to repair the same immediately.

The Committee appointed to examine the Commissioners Acct of Expenditures of the last Quarter reported that they had performed that Duty & found the Accts right

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| of the Bridewell | £158:03: 2½ |
| of the Alms House | 932:12:10 |
| | £1090:16:— |

An Estimate of the Monies required for the Alms House the ensuing quarter amounting to £1500 was read & approved

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the same accordingly

Ordered that Aldn McCormick & Messrs Pintard & Curtenius be a Committee to direct the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell in respect to the best & most intelligible Mode of keeping their Accts

The Monies arising from the Tax for the support of the poor being all expended It was ordered that the Managers of the City Lottery be requested to deposit in the City Treasury of the Monies arising from the sale of Tickets the Sum of £600 to be replaced out of the first Monies arising from the ensuing Tax.

[378] On a presumption that many of the Persons in the Alms House had not obtained a legal Settlemt in this City Ordered that the Commissioners be requested to report to the Board next friday week the Names of all the Inhabitants in the Alms House with Remarks as to Age, place of nativity or last abode & the time of their residence in this City.

Ordered that Aldn Wool be requested to advance Elizth Marlet a pauper to the amt of £10 to assist her on her passage to Canada

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 14th day of May 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Daniel McCormick, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Jeremiah Wool, John Wylley

Assists: John Pintard, William J Elsworth, Stephen McCrea, Peter T Curtenius, George Janeway

Isaiah Wool Stonecutter Admitted & sworn a Freeman of this City

Ordered that the Assize of Rye Bread be as follows vizt

18/ Pr C A Loaf of Rye Flour to weigh 1lb : 5oz for three pence.

[379] The Clerk reported to the Board that in pursuance of the order of the 30th Ulto he had written a Letter to Major L'Enfant & that he had received the Majors Answer thereto in writing; which said Letter & Answer were respectively read and ordered to be entered at length on the Minutes; and are in the Words followg viz

" City Clerks Office May 10th 1790

" Sir

" It having been suggested to the Common Council of this City, that " you had discovered a disinclination to accept of a Grant of the ten " Acres of Common Lands which the Board had determined to grant " to you. They have directed me to communicate this Matter to you " and to obtain your Answer on the Subject; which I am to report " to the Board.

" I am Sir Your most Obedt Servt

" Major L'Enfant Robt Benson Clk "

"New York May 11th 1790

" Sir. In answer to your Request of Yesterday I will acknowlege " herein, that the Idea suggested of a disinclination in me to accept of " a Grant of the ten Acres of Common Land, your Letter allude[s] to, " is perfectly agreable with my Sentiments & Disposition to refuse the " Gift.

" I am Sir your Most Obedt Servt

" P. C L'Enfant "

" Mr. Robt Benson."

[380] The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

" The Committee appointed to prepare a plan for paving Broadway from the new pavement at the Lutheran Church northwards Report That in the execution of this Duty they have paid that attention which the importance of so principal a Street required and have obtained an accurate Survey of the same which accompanies this Report The Result of their Opinion is that the regulation ought to take place from the Corner of the Bridewell Fence and that the Crown of the Street be continued in a right line from that place until it joins the new Pavement at the Lutheran Church, by which means a regular uniformity will be preserved which will contribute alike to the beauty as well as the convenience of said Street. To accomplish this desirable object few Difficulties occur in leading the Water off to the Westward as the different Avenues to the North River in general afford every facility that can be wished Some inconveniencies occur on the East side, to overcome which two Modes present themselves. The one to lower the several Streets [381] leading from the Broadway to Nassau Street and Eastward, the other by constructing common Sewers under the intended pavement of Broadway at the places hereafter designated. The Committee as well as the Surveyors employed on this occasion, are unani-

mously of Opinion that the latter is the most desirable as well as most practicable Mode and cannot be attended with such a Charge to the Corporation as to render it objectionable The Places where the Difficulty of leading off the Water occurs, are, the head of Fair Street, Little Queen Street and Trinity Church opposite Wall Street Fair Street is nearly a dead level to William Street which being already paved a material Injury would arise to dig it down so as to lead the Water Eastward from Broadway. Here therefore a common Sewer appears decidedly preferable. Perhaps in the course of the operation the Water may be led from the head of little Queen Street eastward, or partly through the Channel on the east side of Broadway which may be left to the Decision of the Committee employed to superintend the Work. At Trinity Church a Common Sewer appears indispensably necessary to lead the Water into [382] Wall Street, as the distance between Provoost Street and M^rs^ Cortlandts Corner is too great to admit the Channels to drop sufficient to carry off the Water Altho' the Committee recommend the regulation to take place from the Corner of the Bridewell, they propose that the pavement should only extend as far as Vesey Street, consequently any future regulation must correspond and preserve the uniformity of Broadway, an object they consider of the utmost importance to the Beauty of the City as well as the credit of the Corporation—all which is humbly submitted.

New York
14th May 1790

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Stephen M^c^Crea
John Pintard

The Map or Survey of the said Street and referred to in the said Report. was also approved & ordered to be filed.

Ordered that the same Committee superintend the execution of the Business as recommended in the said Report

*That M^r^ Elsworth be added to the said Committee & that they cause a Survey to be made of Greenwich Street from Cortlandt Street to the Battery.

†Ordered that the Clerk prepare & report an Ordinance for the new paving of the said Street accordingly.

* In the original, this paragraph is written in the margin, evidently having been omitted inadvertently in the main text. By a cross-mark it is indicated to be inserted where here printed. It is the Editor's opinion that the place of insertion has been erroneously indicated and that it should come after the next succeeding paragraph.—ED.

† It is the Editor's opinion that this paragraph should come ahead of the next preceding paragraph, and that the ordinance directed to be prepared refers to paving Broadway and not Greenwich Street. See ordinance reported May 19, 1790.—ED.

A Petition of John Holden for some Repairs to the Paulus Hook Ferry Stairs was read & referred to Aldn & Assist of the West Ward. & Mr Janeway

[383] It appearing to the Board that the quantity of small Notes lately put in circulation as a substitute for small Change is unequal to the quantity required in this City for the accomodation of the Inhabitants

Therefore resolved that a further Sum to the amount of £1097:18/ in Notes of like denomination with the former be printed and that the Committee who superintended & directed the printing of the former be appointed to superintend & direct the printing of these Notes accordingly.

The following Law or Ordinance was read & considered by Paragraphs & passed by the Board & ordered to be published vizt "A Law to prevent Swine from running at large in the City of New York."

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Jamison Cox for subsisting the criminal Prisoners for the Months of feby March & April last the Sum of... | £55:15:10 |
| issued | Casimir T Goerick for surveyg & making plans of several Streets ..... | 25:10:— |
| issued | Wm Sloo for the Constables & Marshalls who apprehended & conveyed Vagrants to Bridewell the last Qr | 16:15:— |
| issued | Colin Williamson for hanging the Bell in the Exchange | 4:10:— |
| issued | Francis Dominick for repairs to a fire Engine in 1783... | 1: 4:— |

[384] The Board having inspected the Proposals of several persons to Repair the public Roads on Contract for one Year those of Henry Shute and David Waldron appeared most reasonable vizt the former to keep the Roads in Repair from Aldn Bayards Lane to the Gate at Mr James Beekman's Farm, the Bloomingdale Road from the junction thereof with the post Road round by Mr Apthorpe's to the seven Mile Stone on the post Road, the Road from Harisons Brewery round by Mr John Leakes to the Bloomingdale Road, and the middle Road from the Hospital to the Sand Hill Road including the two cross Roads and including all the Bridges on any or either of the said Roads for the Sum of £162:—:—

And the latter the Post Road from Mr James Beekmans Gate to and including Kings Bridge and including also the Caus Way & Bridge over Haerlem Creek and all the Bridges on the said Road for £160:—:—

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Articles of Agreement accordingly

[385] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 19th May 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Daniel McCormick<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>John Wylley<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Nicholas Bayard<br>Theophilus Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | Stephen McCrea<br>Wm J Elsworth<br>John Pintard<br>Peter Curtenius<br>John Van Dyk | Assistts |

The Clerk according to Order presented "An Ordinance for the new paving of the Broadway from the burnt Lutheran Church to Vesey Street" which was read approved of & it passed the Board

The Clerk also presented the Articles of Agreement between this Corporation & Henry Shute & David Waldron for repairing the public Roads, and also Articles of Agreement between this Corporation & Elias Burger Junr agreable to a bargain made with him by the Committee for erecting a Wharf or Bulkhead at the Battery Which said Articles of Agreement were respectively read & agreed to by the Board

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Articles to be delivered to the respective parties on their executing the counterparts.

Ordered that Aldn Van Zandt & Messrs Janeway & McCrea be a Committee from time to time to view the public Roads & to see that they be kept in Repair agreable to Contract.

[386] Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the Out Ward & the Aldn of Montgs Ward be a Committee to take in consideration & report to the Board what is best to be done with the Slaughter House under it's present Circumstances

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

The Committee appointed to report a regulation of Greenwich Street from Cortland Street to the north side of the Street at Kennedys Coach House Report.

That considering the distance of the said Greenwich Street from the farthest future improvements which may hereafter be made on the river by docking out, and the descent necessary to convey water by the Kennels which must necessarily cross the Street to the whole extent of such future improvements. Your Committee having taken into their consideration the present height of the kennel on the south side of Cortlandt Street, and the present height of

the ground in or near the middle of Greenwich Street, opposite the north range of what may be the future Kennel of the Street leading down to the River, between the Fort Lands and Kennedys House: are of opinion, that the said Greenwich Street, should be regulated on a horizontal line, drawn from the said south Kennel of Cortlandt Street, to one foot: seven [387] Inches higher than the present height, of the ground at the said future north kennel of the said Street at the Fort admitting a descent from the middle of the space, between every two intersecting Streets of one inch upon every ten feet your Committee further Report that Crown Little Queen, Thames, and Provoost Streets, Beaver Lane, and the Street between the Fort and Kennedys House, should all be regulated in such manner as to be on a streight regular descent from the Broadway, agreeable to the present survey thereof to the intersection of *of* Greenwich Street when paved agreeable to this regulation, and that Oyster Pastey Street and Lombard Street be so regulated as to be upon and equal regular descent to discharge the water into the several streets aforesaid at their several intersections. Your Committee further Report that a Bulkhead must necessarily be built across the Slip at the lower end of Thames Street. All which is humbly submitted.

Lumber

New York, May 18th 1790

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theos Beekman
Willm J. Elsworth
Stephen McCrea
John Pintard

A Petition of the Executors of Cornelius Van Ranst decd for a further Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River in front of the Water Lot of the Estate of the said Cornelius Van Ranst decd was read

Ordered that the Clerk prepare & report the Draft of a Grant accordingly.

[388] Ordered that the Treasurer pay off the Bond from this Corporation to Peter Mesier & assigned to Dr Gros in such manner as may be expedient out of the Revenue Fund.

Ordered that the Committee for superintending the Works at the Fort & Battery confer with Colo Bauman as to the removal of the Ordnance Stores from the Store House to one of the Barrack Rooms

Ordered that the Aldn of the West, & the Aldn & Assists [of the] Dock & East Wards be a Committee to consider of & report on the expediency of making a further sale of the common Lands

The Committee on the Petition of John Holden for some Repairs to the Paulus Hook Ferry Stairs made a Report Whereupon it was ordered that the Clerk inform Mr Jacob Wilkins that the Alteration he has made to the said Ferry Stairs for his private accommodation is a great obstruction to the Ferry & that this Board expect he will without delay at his own Expence put it in the State he found it or cause it to be so amended as to be safe & convenient for the use of the Ferry.

Ordered that John Hardenbrook be appointed a Fire Man to Engine No 17 vice Wm Cowenhoven resigned and

James Butler to Engine No 17 vice Peter Bogert resigned.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

issued Rinier Skaats for 1 Qr Services & expences..... £10: 6: 3
issued Joshua Levy for the Hire of his Store..... £5:—:—

[389] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 28th May 1790.

Present/ Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

John Wylley
Daniel McCormick
Jeremiah Wool
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theophilus Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
} Esqrs Aldn

William J Elsworth
John Pintard
Stephen McCrea
John Van Dyk
George Janeway
} Assists

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich Street against the Regulation of that Street as reported by the Committee & agreed to by the Board at the last Meeting was read & referred to the said Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Murray Street and a Petition of Hendrick Doyer were read & referred to the same Committee

Ordered that the same Committee (with the addition of the Alds & Assistt of the South Ward) cause a Survey to be made of Broad Street with the cross Streets leading into it and report the same to the Board.

A Petition of the Inhabitants at the Fly Market praying the Aid of this Board in the erection of an Arched Walk across the Kennel at the end of the Market in Queens Street [390] also that the Stall of Henry Astor Butcher be removed to the lower Market was read & granted.

issued to Aldn McCormick — Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay towards the erection of the said Walk the Sum of £15.

On reading a Petition of several of the Proprietors of Water Lots east of Catharine Slip.

Ordered that the Proprietors of Water Lots from Catharine Slip to Rutgers Slip in the Out Ward be notified that unless they cause their respective Lots to be wharfed out and filled in so far into the River as to compleat the continuation of Cherry Street to Rutgers Slip this Board will proceed agt them agreable to the conditions of their Grants.

Ordered that the Clerk notify the said Proprietors accordingly.

Ordered that the Aldn of the Out Wd & the Aldn & Assistt of Montgomerie Ward be a Committee to enquire into the necessity & expediency of erecting Bulkheads at George & Charlotte Slips and that they report their opinion thereon together with an Estimate of the Expence.

Ordered that Messrs Van Zandt & Janeway be allowed each at the rate of Ten Shillings per day from the first Instant as Commissrs for superintendg the taking down & removing the Earth & Stone of the Fort & filling in the Wharf erecting at the Battery.

[391] Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Danl Burger for repairs to public Pumps in the Out Ward ..... | £15:16: 5 |
| issued | Gerardg Burger for the like..... | 2: 2:— |
| issued | Garrit Peterson for blacksmith Work to the same..... | 1:13:— |

And to the followg Clerks of the late genl Election vizt

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| issued | John Gilbert ..... | £2:16/ | Thog Gilbert ..... | £2: 8 |
| | Edwd Blagge ..... | 2:18/ | Geo. F Dominick..... | 2: 8 |
| | Anthy B. Rutgers..... | 2: 8/ | Jny Crosby ..... | 2: 8 |
| | Davd R Bogert..... | 2:16/ | Peter Van Zandt..... | 3:12 |
| | Cornl Fish ..... | 3:12/ | Garrit Gilbert ..... | 2:16 |
| | | 14:10/ | | 13:12 |
| | | | | 14:10 |
| | | | | £28: 2/ |

[392] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 14th June 1790

Present/ Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assist |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| John Wylley | | John Van Dyk | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | William J Elsworth | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Stephen McCrea | |

An Estimate and Assessment for paving the Street on both sides of the Fly Market from Queens Street to the River, was read & ratified by the Board and Nicholas Carmer was appointed and authorized to receive the Monies in the said Assessment mentioned and John Stagg was appointed to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street.

The Committee on the Petition of Hendrick Doyer reported "that they had instructed Mr Goerick the Surveyor, to direct the Petitioner to set his Works in such manner as to be conformable to the general Survey made of the Streets in the vicinity so as [393] to convey his Water into the East River by a proper descent; which was agreed to by the Board.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Walter Moffat & others respecting the late Regulation of Greenwich Street Report that the said Regulation is founded upon principles calculated to prevent mischievous consequences that would result from any other to reduce the height thereof below the level of the two points fixed upon for the said Regulation. They are therefore of Opinion that the same be established as a permanent Regulation of the said Street agreable to the Survey thereof made by Goerick & Mc Comb the 6th Instant: but that the said Regulation as to the filling up and paving be not required to be carried into immediate execution."

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| June 14th 1790 | Willm J Elsworth | Isaac Stoutenburgh |
| | John Pintard | Wynant Van Zandt |
| | | Theops Beekman |

The Survey of Greenwich Street from Cortlandts Street to the Battery was produced to the Board approved of & filed.

A Report on the Petition for regulating & paving Murray Street & a Petition against the immediate paving of the said Street were respectively read & postponed.

[394] Be it ordained that George Lindsay & John Bonsall be ap-

pointed in the stead of William Irwin & Thomas Ash, who decline serving, to make the Estimate & Assessment for the paving of the Broadway And that Thomas Lawrence be appointed in the stead of Peter Riker for the like purpose as to Chesnut Street

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ of Mont$^{g}$ & the North Wards & the Assist$^{t}$ of the Out Ward be a Committee to enquire into an Encroachment said to be made on Franckford Street by M$^{r}$ Bonnet

On reading a Letter from Gen$^{l}$ Malcom Ordered that the Treasurer be requested to purchase at the expence of this Corporation two hundred Weight of Gun Powder of such quality as Gen$^{l}$ Malcolm shall advise and deliver the same to such person as the Gen$^{l}$ shall appoint to be used on the approaching *anniversary of American Independence.

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the West Ward & the Ald$^{n}$ of the North Ward be a Committee to examine & report what Repairs are necessary, with an Estimate of the Expence, to the Corporation Wharf at the N$^{o}$ River

Ordered that in the Estimate for Paving the Broad Way the Bricks for the Walks on each side be included.

[395] Ordered that the Commissioners of the City Lottery be requested to deposit into the City Treasury for the use of the Alms House the Sum of £300 out of the Monies arising from the sale of Tickets to be replaced out of the first Monies arising from the ensuing Tax.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Joseph Beck for sweeping Chimnies in the Goal &c &c.. | £3:17: 6 |

The following Clerks of the late Election viz$^{t}$

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| | Thomas Stagg ..... | £2: 8:— |
| | John J Roome..... | 2: 8:— |
| issued | Isaac Heyer ..... | 2:16:— |
| | Francis Child ..... | 2:12:— |
| | John T Duryee..... | 2:12:— |
| | | 12:16:— |

* Marginal note reads *14$^{th}$ Anniversary.*—Ed.

[396] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 23d June 1790

Present/ Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Theops Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | Wm J Elsworth | Assistts |
| John Wylley | | John Pintard | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Van Dyck | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | George Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| Daniel McCormick | | Stephen McCrea | |

Ordered that the Aldn & Assists of the East & North Wards & the Assistt of the West Ward be a Committee to meet the *proprietors of the Land in the Rear of the Alms House & Bridewell and to ascertain the Division Line between the said Lands and the Lands of this Corporation and to lay out a Street there; and that the former Committee on that Subject be discharged.

A Petition of several Persons interested in Houses & Lots fronting Broad Street praying that in the regulation of that Street it may not be raised & that the Kennel may be continued in the middle of the Street; was read [397] and ordered to be taken into consideration when the Committee appointed to make a Survey of that Street shall make their Report

A Petition of Christopher Dyckinck to be an Inspector of Fire Wood; was read & the consideration thereof postpon'd

It being represented to the Board that notwithstanding the former order of this Board Mr Jacob Wilkins has not put the Paulus Hook Ferry Stairs in such State as to render it safe & convenient for the landing & taking off Horses & Carriages.

Thereupon ordered that he be required to cause the said Ferry Stairs to be made safe & convenient to be approved of by the Committee of this Board who were heretofore appointed to examine the said Ferry Stairs.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the Out Ward cause a Survey to be made of Catharine & Oliver Streets.

The Committee on the Common Lands delivered in a Report which was read & the consideration postponed until the next Meeting of the Board.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistt of the East Ward & the Aldn of the Dock Ward be a Committee to enquire into the Nuisance at the Fly Market Slip. [398] occasioned by the bad State of the Wharf on the West side thereof

* Marginal note reads *Kip Malcolm & others.*—Ed.

Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of Montgomerie Ward take order as to the putting of new Beams to Pecks Slip Market.

The Committee appointed to report on the expediency of erecting Bulkheads at George & Charlotte Slips, reported in favor of the Measure and that the expence would am$^{t}$ to about £140, Whereupon Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the Out Ward & the Ald$^{n}$ of Montgomerie Ward be a Committee to agree for the erection of the said Bulkheads on Contract accordingly

issued Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Ald$^{n}$ M$^{c}$Cormick the Sum of £26: 1/ for raising & repairing the Fish Market

Ordered that the following Persons be appointed fire Men of this City viz$^{t}$

Daniel Waldron, vice Thomas Warner resigned, to Engine N$^{o}$ —

Samuel Bowne, vice Jonathan Dickenson resigned, to Engine N$^{o}$ 12.

George Dally & Daniel Lawrence to Engine N$^{o}$ 2.

Thomas Timpson, vice Jonas Colong to Engine N$^{o}$ 15.

[399] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 25$^{th}$ June 1790.

Present/ Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | John Pintard | Assist$^{ts}$ |
| Theop$^{s}$ Beekman | | John Van Dyk | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Stephen M$^{c}$Crea | |
| John Wylley | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | W$^{m}$ J Elsworth | |

An Account of Theophilus Hardenbrook dec$^{d}$ for Scantling to the Bridewell previous to the late War was presented to the Board & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the East & the Ald$^{n}$ of the North Ward.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

The Committee appointed to report the Expence of repairing the Corporation Wharf at the North River. Report that in their Opinion a Block should be sunk at the North Corner of the North or old Pier projecting in Front of the Slip; by which the said Pier will be sheltered from the Northward and an additional Harbor be afforded to Vessels lying on the North side of the Pier And that the old Dock can be strongly repaired by breaking up the injured parts and placing new Timber in the front; which can be done at a moderate expence The whole may be compleated in the best manner for £375."

[400] Ordered that the same Committee with the addition of Ald$^{n}$ Van Zandt & M$^{r}$ Van Dyk cause the Work mentioned in the said Report to be executed in the most œconomical manner on Contract

Ordered that the Committee for regulating the Broad Way direct Surveys to be made for the new regulating & paving of Maiden Lane & Kings Street

An Estimate & Assessment for the new regulation & paving of the Broad Way from the burnt Lutheran Church to Vesey Street was read & ratified by the Board.

Ordered that Thomas Lafoy be appointed & authorized to receive from the several Persons in the said Assessment named the Sums at which they are therein respectively assessed And that John Stagg be appointed to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street.

A Petition of Barzilla Dusenbury for a Lease of two Lots of Ground in Chatham Street was read & referred to the Treasurer.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Ordinances for the filling in of Oliver & Catharine Streets.

[401] Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{ts}$ of the North Ward be a Committee to superintend & direct the sinking of a new Well in the Alms House Yard

Ordered that the Treasurer discharge the Bond from this Corporation to the Cashier of the Bank of New York for the payment of £1500 in such manner as may be expedient with respect to the Revenue Fund.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

issued W$^{m}$ Smith the Sum of £19/6 for Repairs to Pumps in the Montgomery Ward And the further Sum of £12:15:6 for the like in the North Ward

issued And to W$^{m}$ & J Smith the Sum of £8:10:6 for the like in the North Ward

(These two Warrants delivered to Ald$^{n}$ Van Zandt)

[402] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 6th July 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Winant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assists |
| John Wylley | | Wm J Elsworth | |
| Danl McCormick | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Theops Beekman | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | George Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | John Van Dyk | |

A Petition of Jacob Patcher Butcher for the priviledge of a Stall in the lower Fly Market was read. And the Board determined it inexpedient to encrease the number of Stalls in that Market

An Estimate & Assessment for paving Smith Street from Wall Street to Great Dock Street was ratified by the Board And William Gilbert was appointed and authorized to receive from the several Persons therein named the Sums of Money on them respectively assessed And John Stagg was appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street.

A Survey of Franckfort Street made by Mr Gœrick was presented to the Board from which it appears that a [403] considerable Encroachment hath been made on the said Street by Mr Danl Bonnett

Ordered that the said Survey be referred to the Aldn of Montgomerie & the North Wards & Mr Pintard.

Ordered that the neighborhood be permitted to fill up the Well at the end of the Fly Market & to sink another on the side of the said Market And that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Mr John Pintard the Sum of £12 towards defraying the Expence.

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Two Surveys one of Catharine Street & the other of Oliver Street both conformable to the Genl Survey of the Streets in that Quarter, were presented to the Board. Whereupon it was determined that the Board would view the said Streets to Morrow Morning.

An Acct of Joseph Shelvey for attending the Vagrants confined in Bridewell when employed out of Doors; being presented to the Board for payment the same was referred to Aldn Beekman & Wylley & Messrs McCrea, Van Dyk & Elsworth.

Proposals of Francis Gans for erecting Bulkheads in Cherry Street across George & Charlotte Slips in the Out Wd for the Sum of £186, were received and approved of by the Board.

Ordered that the Committee on that Subject conclude a Contract with Mr Gans accordingly. And that Mr Mayor issued [404] issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to advance Mr McCrea the Sum of £65 on Acct towards the erection of the said Bulkheads.

On a Complaint made to the Board by Aldn Wylley against Messrs Willet Seaman, Richard Lawrence, & Elijah Cock three of the Commissrs of the Alms House and Bridewell for discharging from thence a Slave committed by the Aldn on a charge of misbehavior towards her Master & Mistress.

It was ordered that the said Commissioners be notified to attend this Board at the next Meeting that they may be heard and an enquiry made in the premisses.

The Treasurer reported on the Petition of Barzilla Dusenbury "That the Improvements on the Lots therein mentioned were by order of the Common Council sold at public Auction and a report of the same was made the 22d April 1784 That Wm Valleau became the purchasor on a Lease for 21 Years from the first of May follows the day of Sale at £6 per Lot per Annm That from the Information at the Clerks Office it does not appear that any Lease hath been executed for the same. That the said Lots have been assigned by the said Valleau to Wm Brown and by him to John Murray Junr under [405] whom Mr Dusenbury now holds two of the said Lots No 14 & 15—The Treasurer is therefore of Opinion that a separate Lease may be given to Mr Dusenbury without Inconvenience."

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Leases to Barzilla Dusenbury for Lots No 14 & 15 And to John Murray Junr for Lots No 16 & 17 & that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto accordingly

"The Committee to whom was referred the Claims of Messrs Hardenbrook & Dominick against the Corporation of the City of New York Report that they have examined the Minutes of the Common Council for the Years 1775 & 1776 and find that a Warrant was ordered the 20th febv 1776 in favor of Messrs Hardenbrook & Dominick for the Sum of £14:19:6 being the amot of their Acct against this Corporation as stated by them & referred to your Committee. This Warrant is marked No 145 but appears not to have been issued; as the then Clerk was accustomed to mark issued opposite the Warrant issued by the then Mayor which was not the Case with this Warrant. Upon searching the Treasurers files no such Warrant appears and it is reasonable to conclude that it was never paid especially as the Vouch-

ers and Warrants appear to be in regular succession & good preservation in the Treas[rs] Office.

[406] With respect to the Acc[t] for Sundries supplied Samuel Maghee from Oct[r] 4[th] 1775 to Jan[y] 29[th] 1776 to the am[t] of £8:17:7, no charge of that kind appears on the aforesaid Minute exhibited ag[t] this Board. Sundry Warrants were issued in the Years 1775 & 1776 in favor of Samuel Maghee. Whether the above Charges were included in said Maghees Accounts. Your Committee do not pretend to say: But as Mess[rs] Hardenbrook & Dominick did not claim payment at that time from the Board Your Committee leave it to the Board to determine how far they consider themselves responsible, or whether Mess[rs] Hardenbrook & Dominick are not to look to M[r] Maghee for their reimbursement."

The said Report being considered the first part thereof was agreed to by the Board & the further consideration of the latter part was postponed.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treas[r] to pay.

issued Francis Dominick the Said Sum of £14:19:6 agreable to the s[d] Report

issued Joseph Shelvey for 1 Q[r] Services as public Whipper... £6:10:—

Ordered that the Managers of the City Lottery be instructed to publish [407] that the drawing of the said Lottery will certainly commence on the first day of August next

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday July 9[th] 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Pintard |
| John Wylley | | Wm J Elsworth |
| Wynant Van Zandt | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | George Janeway |
| Theop[s] Beekman | | Peter T Curtenius |
| Jeremh Wool | | Stephen McCrea |

Assist[ts]

Mess[rs] Seaman, Lawrence & Cock attended the Board agreable to the Order of the last Meeting and were heard Whereupon Ald[n] Wylley moved that the Rule, for the government of the Alms House & Bridewell, which prohibits the commitment of a Servant or Slave to the Bridewell for misconduct towards his Master, be repealed And the consideration whereof was postponed until the next Meeting.

A Petition for the new paving of Cherry Street was read and referred to the Committee on the Broadway to direct a Survey. [408]

And a Petition of the Neighborhood at Burlings Slip for Repairs to the Bridge was read & referred to the same Com^tee

Ordered that the Ald^n & Assist^t of the South Ward direct the necessary Repairs to the Stairs at the Exchange Slip.

On reading a Petition of Samuel Akerly. Ordered that he be permitted to occupy Rutgers Slip for the Term of Six Weeks for the purpose of hauling a Ship up to lengthen And that all Persons having any Thing in the said Slip, which may incommode M^r Akerly in the above Business, be required to remove the same.

The following Report [was] read & agreed to by the Board viz^t

"Your Committee appointed to report a Regulation of Maiden Lane from the Broadway to Queen Street.

Report that they have caused a Survey to be made of the said Street from the Broadway to Queen Street and have agreed to the following Regulation which in their Opinion will be best calculated to answer the public utility and convenience and also least injurious to the Houses & Lots connected therewith. Beginning at the Kennel on the East side of the broad Way and descending down the said Maiden Lane at the rate [409] of two inches & $^{45}/_{86}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to the intersection of William Street and from thence at the rate of one Inch and $^{87}/_{188}$ parts of an Inch to the intersection of Queen Street Agreable to the above regulation the said Street will require to be raised near the east end of the Oswego Market two feet, at the intersection of Nassau Street two feet three Inches opposite Verdine Elsworths one foot five Inches, at the intersection of William Street two feet at John Alstynes smith Shop one foot one Inch and at the intersection of Gold Street ten Inches agreable to the Plan herewith delivered

John Pintard
Stephen M^cCrea
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theop^s Beekman
William J Elsworth

The Plan or Survey, of the said Street accompanying the said Report was approved of by the Board & filed. And then "a Law for the new paving of Maiden Lane from Broadway to Queen Street" was passed by the Board.

The following Report was then read and agreed to by the Board viz^t

Your Committee appointed to superintend the paving of the Broadway Report That a Regulation of Wall Street from the Broadway to Broad Street is necessary [410] and having caused the said Street to be surveyed, they are of opinion that the regulation thereof

should be agreable to the Plan or Survey thereof herewith delivered, Beginning at the Kennel on the East side of the Broadway and descending at the rate of three Inches & $^{37}/_{44}$ parts of an Inch upon every ten feet. By this regulation the surfice opposite New Street will be lowered one foot five Inches and at the intersection of Nassau Street will be raised nine Inches.

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| July 9th 1790 | Wm J Elsworth | Isaac Stoutenburgh |
| | John Pintard | Theos Beekman |
| | Stephen McCrea | Wynant Van Zandt |

The Survey of the said Street was then approved of by the Board & filed, And "a Law for the new paving of Wall Street from Broadway to Broad Street" was passed by the Board.

A Survey of Broad Street was presented to the Board and referred to the Committee on the Broadway pavement with the addition of the Aldn & Assistt of the South Ward to examine & to report such Regulation for the said Street as may be expedient & necessary.

Surveys of Catharine & Oliver Streets, made conformable to general Survey of the Streets in that quarter, were presented to the Board approved & filed And then "a Law for the regulating & filling in of Catharine & Oliver Streets" was passed by the Board.

[411] It being represented to the Board by a Member that Elias Boudinot Esqr had obtained an assignment of a Lease from this Corporation to James Brady of Lots No fronting Chatham Street And that Mr Boudinot was desirous of purchasing the fee of the said Lot or of obtaining a new Lease for the same on such Terms as may be deemed reasonable.

Ordered that the Subject be referred to the Treasurer to report on.

The following Report was presented to the Board & ordered to be filed vizt

"We Henry Remsen, Thomas Randall William Maxwell Joshua Sands & John McComb appointed in & by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed the 7th day of April 1787 for the purpose of appraising and estimating the Damage or Losses which individual Citizens have sustained by widening continuing and extending Greenwich Street and by virtue of an Act of the Corporation of this City passed in Common Council the 16th day of April 1790 Having investigated the Claim of Doctor Thomas Jones for the loss of Ground fronting Greenwich & Barclay Streets held under Lease from the Corporation of the College and the Costs of removing his Buildings &c Do hereby determine and award to the said Doctor Thomas Jones the Sum of two hundred & thirty [412] eight pounds thirteen Shill-

ings & six pence as full compensation for the Costs Damages & Losses which he the said Thomas Jones has sustained And we do further report that should the Corporation of the College exonerate him the said Thomas Jones his Heirs or Assigns from the payment in future of any ground Rent for such part of the Lots as have been taken from him to widen the Streets, in that case the Sum of one hundred & fifty seven pounds eleven Shillings & two pence is to be deducted from and out of the above named Sum of two hundred and thirty eight pounds thirteen Shillings & six pence Witness our hands & Seals in New York this thirty first day of May 1790.

Henry Remsen [Seal]
Thoˢ Randall [Seal]
Wᵐ Maxwell [Seal]
Joshᵃ Sands [Seal]

Ordered that Mʳ Recorder Aldⁿ Stoutenburgh & Mʳ Pintard be a Committee to confer with the Trustees of the College on the Subject of the ground Rent reserved on the said Lots as aforesᵈ

Ordered that the Committee on the Broadway direct Surveys to be made of Nassau & Fair Streets and also to enquire into the State of the Bank in the *upper end of Greenwich Street & report the same to the Board.

[413] Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrᵗˢ on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Danˡ Shaffer for sweeping Chimnies in the Goal..... | £1: 1: 3 |
| issued | Hartwick & Beekman for Repairs to Cœnties Slip..... | £1:12: 1 |
| issued | Wᵐ Smith & Son for Repairs to pumps in Montgomerie Ward ..... | £1:19:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 16th July 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqʳ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqʳ Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Isaac Stoutenburgh, Daniel McCormick, Nichs Bayard, John Wylley, Theops Beekman, Wynant Van Zandt

Assistts: John Pintard, Peter T Curtenius, William J Elsworth, John Van Dyk, Stephen McCrea, George Janeway

Ordered that the Committee on the Broad Way with the Aldⁿ & Assistᵗ of the South Ward view the State of the Ground at the White Hall Slip Street and report the same to the Board with their Opinion as to the Measures necessary to be taken therewith.

* Marginal note reads *Warren Street*.—Ed.

[414] The Board proceeded to the consideration of Aldn Wylleys Motion to repeal the Rule for the government of the Alms House & Bridewell; which declares "That the Keepers are not to admit into "either House under any pretence whatever, any Servant or Slave, as "such for correction or confinement nor to suffer any such to be "punished in any Apartment or place belonging to the said Houses "for Crimes or Offences not committed in them." And the Question being put thereon it passed in the Affirmative in manner follows viz$^{t}$

| for the Affirmative | for the Negative |
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| Aldn McCormick | Mr Recorder |
| Aldn Bayard | Aldn Stoutenburgh |
| Aldn Wylley | Mr Pintard |
| Aldn Beekman | Mr Curtenius |
| Aldn Van Zandt | Mr Elsworth |
| Mr Van Dyk | Mr Janeway |
| Mr McCrea | |

Resolved that the said Rule be & the same is repealed accordingly

Ordered that the general Committee for Streets enquire into the State of Mulberry and Mott Streets & if practicable, report a Regulation for those Streets.

[415] The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

"Your Committee appointed to report a Survey and Regulation of King Street, Little Queen Street, Crown Street, and Nassau Street, Report That King Street be regulated by beginning at the Kennel on the East side of the Broadway and descending to the intersection of Nassau Street one & an half Inch on every ten feet—from thence ascending two Inches on every ten feet to the distance of one hundred & ninety six feet—from thence descending two Inches on every ten feet to the intersection of Smith Street and from thence on a regular descent to Queen Street being 4 $^{5}\frac{5}{65}$ Inches on every ten feet

King Street

That little Queen Street be regulated by beginning at the Kennel on the East side of the Broadway and ascending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 230 feet and from thence descending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to the intersection of Nassau Street and from thence descending two & $\frac{2}{3}$ Inches on every ten feet to Smith Street

little Queen Street.

That Crown Street be regulated by beginning at the Kennel on the East side of the Broadway and ascending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 162 feet and from thence

Crown Street

descending one & an half Inch on every [416] ten feet to the intersection of Nassau Street from thence ascending one Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 76 feet 6 Inches opposite the Door of the New Dutch Church from thence descending 4 $^{21}/_{28}$ Inches on every ten feet to the distance of 197 feet—from thence descending 5 $^{52}/_{55}$ Inches on every ten feet to Smith Street & from thence to the junction of said Crown Street with Maiden Lane at Jeronimus Alstynes Smith Shop—descending 3 $^{36}/_{59}$ Inches on every ten feet being at the Distance of 236 feet from the intersection of Smith Street

That Nassau Street be regulated by beginning at the Kennel on the South side of Maiden Lane and ascending 5 Inches on every ten feet to the intersection of Crown Street—from thence ascending 2 $^{15}/_{87}$ Inches on every ten feet to the intersection of Little Queen Street—from thence descending 2 $^{6}/_{31}$ Inches on every ten feet to the intersection of King Street & from thence descending 4 $^{2}/_{3}$ Inches on every ten feet to the Kennel on the easterly side of Wall Street.

Nassau Street

July 15th 1790

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theos Beekman
Wm J Elsworth
John Pintard.

The Surveys of the said Streets were approved of by the Board & filed

Ordered that Ordinances for paving of the said Streets be prepared.

[417] On reading a petition from the Neighborhood Ordered that they be permitted to fill up the Well opposite the burnt Lutheran Church.

Be it ordained that Archibald Kerly be appointed in the Stead of Joseph Stringham to make the Estimate & Assessment for filling in Catharine & Oliver Streets.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay Messrs Van Zandt & Janeway the Sum of £68: 19: 3 for the balce of their Acct for the erection of an additional Buildg to the Alms House.

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City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 19th July 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Stephen McCrea | Assistts |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | John Van Dyk | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Pintard | |
| Daniel McCormick | | Willm J Elsworth | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Peter T Curtinus | |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |

[418] The Ordinances for the paving of King, Little Queen, Crown & Nassau Streets, were respectively read & passed by the Board.

Resolved that Mr Sampson Fleming be permitted to erect his House to front on the Broad Way on the following Line vizt Beginning at the South West Corner of the House of Thomas Ten Eyck & to run thence agreable to the Line of the front of the House of David Johnston lately destroyed by fire to the Distance of fifty feet.

Resolved that *The President of the United States be requested to permit †Mr Trumbull to take his Portrait, to be placed in the City Hall as a Monument of the Respect which the Inhabitants of this City bear towards him.

Ordered that Mr Mayor be requested to wait on the President and communicate the aforegoing Resolution.

Ordered that the Committee, who superintended the printing of the small Notes issued by this Board as a substitute for small Change, be directed to procure a supply of the same paper for a further Emission And that they do attend the Treasurer in the burning of those of the former Emission which were become defaced & brought into the Treasury & Exchanged

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to
issued advance Mr George [419] Janeway the Sum of £20 on Acct towards the sinking of the new Well at the Alms House.

* Marginal note reads *General Washington.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See Warrant for Vol. 10. P. 13.*—Ed.

City of New York } ss. At a Meeting of the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen (by adjournment from the second Tuesday in this present Month of July) on Friday the 23d July 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

John Wylley
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theops Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
} Esqrs Alda

The Board having examined computed & ascertained the Sum imposed or laid by Law on this City & County by Law to be raised this Year for the maintenance of the Poor and for defraying the other contingent Expences; which Sum amounted to £16458:0:5 and having fixed & ascertained the Quota of each Ward & computed the poundage thereof the Warrants were annexed to the respective Lists or Assessments & ordered to be delivered to the Collectors accordingly.

[420] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 23d day of July 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh
John Wylley
Theops Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
} Esqrs Alda

Peter T Curtenius
John Pintard
Wm J Elsworth
John Van Dyk
George Janeway
} Assistts

Ordered that all loaf Bread exposed to sale in this City be of the following Weight vizt

Assize of Bread
sup. 60/
com. 54/.

A Loaf of inspected superfine flour to weigh 1lb:11½oz for six pence.

A Loaf of inspected common flour to weigh 1lb:13¼oz for six pence.

Ordered that the Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City do once in every Week, if any alteration in the price of Flour shall render it necessary, ascertain, agreable to the standard or table of Assize established by this Board, the Weight of all Loaf Bread exposed to sale in this City, to cause the several Bakers to be notified thereof [421] and to publish the same in the public News Papers.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

Your Committee appointed to report a Survey & regulation of Nassau Street Fair Street & Beekman Streets. Report that having caused the said several Streets to be surveyed the Plan whereof is herewith delivered. The Committee recommend the following regulation for Nassau Street from Maiden Lane to Franckfort Street Beginning at the Kennel on the northerly side of Maiden Lane ascending 3 Inches & $^{58}/_{100}$ parts of an Inch on every 10 feet to the intersection of John Street—from thence ascending 2 Inches & $^{7}/_{100}$ parts of an Inch on every 10 feet to the intersection of Fair Street—from thence ascending 1 Inch on every 10 feet to the distance of 55 feet—from thence descending 1 Inch & $^{7}/_{100}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to opposite Ann Street—from thence ascending 1 ⅛ Inch on every 10 feet to the distance of 240 feet—from thence descending 1½ Inch on every 10 feet to the intersection of Beekman Street—from thence ascending 1 ⅛ Inch on every 10 feet to opposite George Street And from thence descending 2 Inches & $^{52}/_{100}$ on every 10 feet [422] to the beginning of the new pavement in Chatham Street

That Beekman Street be regulated by beginning at the Kennel in Gold Street and ascending 2 Inches & $^{86}/_{100}$ on every ten feet to the distance of 115 feet—from thence ascending 4 Inches on every 10 feet to the intersection of William Street—from thence ascending 2 Inches & $^{8}/_{10}$ to the intersection of Nassau Street

That Fair Street be regulated by beginning at the Kennel in Gold Street and ascending 1 Inch & $^{18}/_{100}$ on every 10 feet to the intersection of William Street—from thence ascending 2 Inches & $^{15}/_{100}$ on every 10 feet to the intersection of Nassau Street—from thence ascending 1½ Inch on every 10 feet to the distance of 80 feet and from thence descending 1½ Inch on every 10 feet to the East Kennel of the Broadway. which is humbly submitted by.

New York
July 23[d] 1790

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theop[s] Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
Will[m] J Elsworth
John Pintard.

The Surveys mentioned in the above Report were approved by the Board & filed

Ordered that Ordinances be prepared for paving the said Streets accord[gly]

[423] The following Report was also read & approved by the Board viz[t]

The Committee appointed to ascertain a Line for straigthening the East side of White Hall Street from the South West Corner of Beaver Street to the northwest Corner of Great Dock Street Report that they have caused a Survey of the said Street to be taken which accompanies this Report the black Line whereof represents the present Courses of the Street—the dotted Line a direct Course from the S W[t] End of Beaver Street to the North W[t] Corner of Dock Street and the red Line represents a medium Line agreable to which it is the Opinion of your Committee that the improvement ought to be regulated in manner following viz[t]

Beginning at the S: W[t] Corner of Beaver Street & running upon a direct Line to the S W Corner of Stone Street and from thence upon a straight Line to a place six feet West from the present N W[t] Corner of Great Dock Street

This regulation in the opinion of your Committee will be attended with the least possible inconvenience to the several Proprietors of Lots facing the said Street & with the least Expence to the Corporation and moreover should the [424] improvement be adopted that no time ought to be lost as several Proprietors are now lying still for the decision of this Board

New York
July 23[d] 1790

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theop[s] Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
Will[m] J Elsworth
John Pintard
John Van Dyk.

Ordered that the same Committee confer with the Proprietors of the Lots which will be affected by the said Regulation.

Petitions for a new regulation of Dey & Church Streets were read & referred to the above Committee.

Ordered that the same Committee procure Surveys of *Great George Streets from the Bridewell northw[ds] & of the Streets in the vicinity leading to the River.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off the Bond from this Corporation to Thomas Lafoy, for the amount of the Sum awarded by the Commiss[rs] for the injury to his Lot by the late alteration of Greenwich Street, if the Revenue fund will admit

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—Ed.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

issued Andrew Thompson for paving in Chatham Street..... £25:18: 3

issued Hugh Gaine for printing the Notes issued for small change ..... £25:—:—

[425] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 30th day of July 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Jeremiah Wool
John Wylley
Theophilus Beekman
Isaac Stoutenburgh
} Esqrs Aldn

John Pintard
William J Elsworth
Stephen McCrea
Peter T Curtenius
George Janeway
John Van Dyk
} Assistts

The Clerk produced to the Board a Lease to Barzilla Dusenbury of Lots No 14 & 15 in Chatham Street and a Lease to John Murray Junr of Lot No 16 in Chatham Street & No 17 in Thomas Street for the term of 21 Years from the 1st day of May 1784 at the Rent of £6 each Lot Pr Annm

Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to the said Leases to be delivd on the parties executing the counterparts.

Ordinances for the new paving of Nassau Street from Maiden Lane to Franckfort Street—Fair Street from the Broad Way to Gold Street—& Beekman Street from Gold Street to Nassau Street; were read & passed the Board.

A Memorial of the Inhabitants in Maiden Lane complaining of the late Regulation of that Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

[426] Ordered that two of the City Surveyors Survey & lay out the *Street leading from the East River between the Land late of James Delancey & the Heirs of Hendrick Rutgers decd according to certain Articles of Agreement indented & made on the 31st day of Octr 1765 between the said James Delancey & the said Hendrick Rutgers & recorded in the Clerks Office of this City & County.

On a Representation that certain of the Lots in Water Street between Pecks Slip & St James Slip are not filled out to the Line of the South side of the said Street adjoining the River; in consequence whereof the said Street is very dangerous as well as inconvenient.

* Marginal note reads *Division Street.*—Ed.

Therefore ordered that the proprietors be informed that unless they cause the said Street in front of their respective Lots to be compleated to its full Wedth this Board will direct the necessary & legal Measures for compelling them.

The Committee to whom was referred the Acct of Andrew Thompson for digging out Chatham Street from Francfort Street to the Corner of Tryon Row. Report that they have carefully inspected said Acct and have moreover obtained an Estimate by Mr Goerick City Surveyor, of the Ground removed and which was returned by the Order of the Corporation.

[427] That after due deliberation they are of Opinion that the ballance of said Accts amounting to Sixty pounds 16/ be paid as they find it extremely difficult to ascertain with precision whether the said Sum is overrated or not & the situation of Mr Thompson being such, should any Error arise it would be best that this Board sustain the loss.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theops Beekman
Willm J Elsworth
John Pintard.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

issued Andrew Thompson £40 in part of the Sum mentioned in the above Report

issued Mr Stephen McCrea the further Sum of £20 on Acct towards the Bulkheads erecting in Cherry Street across George & Charlotte Slips

issued to Aldn Wool Isaac Meyers fifteen Shillings for Repairs to the Stairs at the Exchange Slip

issued The Several Persons who were employed in copying & carry[ing] out the poundage of Tax Books the Sum of..... £14

The Managers of the City Lottery reported that 7000 Tickets remained unsold & requested the further order of the Board with respect to the time appointed for the drawing to commence.

Whereupon it was determined that the drawing of the Lottery commence on Monday next agreable to the time appointed by this Board.

[428] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 2d day of Augt 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | John Van Dyk | Assistts |
| John Wylley | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| Daniel McCormick | | William J Elsworth | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | George Janeway | |

It being represented to the Board that it will be inconvenient as well as improper in this Board to continue the Sale of Lottery Tickets after the drawing thereof shall have commenced; Therefore resolved that the Managers of the Lottery do not sell any Tickets after the drawing of the Lottery shall commence.

The Board having this day resolved that no Tickets shall be sold by the managers of the Lottery after the drawing thereof shall have commenced, and the Board being this day informed by the Managers that there are still some Tickets remaining on Hand and that many of the Citizens and others have this day applied to them to purchase Tickets, but that from the early Hour at which the drawing of the Lottery was directed to commence they have not been able to supply all the Applicants, In order therefore to give those who wish to become adventurers an opportunity of obtaining Tickets.

Resolved that the drawing of the Lottery be postponed until Thursday next at Ten of the Clock in the forenoon, and that the drawing positively commence on that Day, after which no Tickets will be sold.

[429] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 2d day of Augt 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth | Assistts |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| John Wylley | | John Pintard | |
| Daniel McCormick | | George Janeway | |
| | | John Van Dyk | |
| | | Tobias Van Zandt | |

Aldn Wool & Messrs Curtenius & Pintard were appointed a Committee to examine & audit the Accts of the Alms House & Bridewell.

Mr Mayor & the other Members proceeded to visit the several Wards in the two Houses & being returned.

The Committee reported that they had examined the Acc^ts of Expenditures in the two Houses for the last Quarter & found them right viz^t

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| The Alms House | £1230: 6: 3½ |
| The Bridewell | 178: 0: 9 |

An Estimate of Monies required for the Alms [House] the ensuing Quarter amount^g to £1500 was approved by the Board

Ordered that M^r Mayor issue his Warr^t on the Treasurer for the payment of the said Sum to the Commissioners according^ly

Ordered that M^r De Peyster Treasurer of the Commiss^rs of the Alms House make a Settlement with M^r Willet Seaman for the Shoes by him purchased for the use of the Alms House & which were declared unfit for use.

[430] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 10th day of August 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq^r Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq^r Recorder

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| Daniel M^cCormick<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>John Wylley<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>Wynant Van Zandt | Esq^rs Ald^n | Stephen M^cCrea<br>John Pintard<br>William J Elsworth<br>Peter T Curtenius<br>George Janeway | Assist^s |

A Memorial against the late Regulation of Nassau Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition for a new regulation of Princess Street was read And Surveys of that Street, Garden Street & Duke were presented to the Board.

Ordered that the Consideration of the said Petition & Surveys be postponed until the Committee on Broad Street report

A Petition of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in this City praying a Grant of a certain Piece of Land in fee, situate in Montgomerie Ward, on payment of the Sum of £1000. which said Piece of Land was heretofore granted to the said Church on an annual Rent reserved of £70 per annum; was read & considered [431] and the further consideration was postponed until the next Meeting

Ald^n M^cCormick from the Committee appointed to superintend & direct the printing of a further Emission of Notes for small Change

reported that they had procured the printing of & had delivered to the Treasurer three thousand nine hundred & fifty Sheets cont$^{s}$

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| 47400 | Notes—of 1$^{d}$ each | £197:10:— |
| 47400 | d$^{o}$ —of 2$^{d}$ | 395:—:— |
| 47400 | d$^{o}$ —of 3$^{d}$ | 592:10:— |
| | | £1185:—:— |
| | deduct for imperfect Sheet | 1: 8:11 |
| | Total | 1183:11: 1 |

Which said Notes were adopted by the Board & ordered to be issued.

A Receipt of the Treasurer for the said Notes was read & ordered to be filed.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treas$^{r}$ to pay
issued Ald$^{n}$ M$^{c}$Cormick the Sum of £10:3:6 for Paper by him procured to print the said Notes on

Ordered that the Committee who reported the Scheme of the Lottery now drawing report a Scheme for the next or second Lottery.

A Petition of W$^{m}$ P Smith & others, praying permission to open the Doors of the City Hall to the Rev$^{d}$ M$^{r}$ John Murray Minister of the Gospel in the Universal Church from Boston was read.

Resolved that the Request cannot be granted

[432] Resolved that His Excellency the *Governor of this State be requested to permit †M$^{r}$ Trumbull to take his Portrait to be placed in the City Hall as a Testimony of the Respect which this Corporation bear towards him

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor be requested to wait on his Excellency and communicate to him the aforegoing Resolution.

On reading a Report of the Grand Jurors of the last Court of Gen$^{l}$ Sessions of the Peace

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Wylley & Beekman & M$^{r}$ Janeway be a Committee to examine the Goal & report the necessary Improvements & Repairs thereto with an Estimate of the Expence & also to report a more proper burial Place for the use of the Alms House Goal & Bridewell.

Resolved that the Slip in front of Wall Street be considered a public Slip of this City.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ M$^{c}$Cormick Wool & Wylley & M$^{r}$ Van Dyk be a Committee to take the Charge & Care of the City Hall on the adjournment of Congress from this City.

* Marginal note reads *George Clinton.*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *See Warr$^{t}$ for Vol. 10. P. 122.*—ED.

[433] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 13th day of Augt 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Daniel McCormick
Theophilus Beekman
John Wylley
Jeremiah Wool
Isaac Stoutenburgh
} Esqrs Aldn

Peter T Curtenius
William J Elsworth
John Van Dyk
John Pintard
} Assistts

A Petition of sundry Farmers & Gardiners in the Out Ward complaining of a want of proper accommodation in the Market place thro' the Means of Hucksters was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of James Egberts signifying that the late Regulation of White Hall Street will affect & injure his Lot was read & referred to the Committee who reported the Regulation of that Street

The following Report was presented to the Board & read vizt

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Surveys of several Streets with the Petitions respecting the same Report. With respect to Broad Street that they have deliberately considered the Survey and Plan for the intended [434] improvement of said Street accompanying this Report and have also read a Petition presented to this Board against the adoption of said Plan. That it is the Opinion of your Committee that the said Plan should be adopted: but propose that the Petitioners be heard agreable to the prayer of the Petition.

That your Committee have likewise read the Petition against the proposed Regulation of Nassau Street as laid before the Board, that they see no reason why the prayer of the Petition should be granted and therefore adhere to the original Plan.

The Committee have also read the Petition against the adopted Plan for the Regulation of Maiden Lane and consider the Reasons assigned as insufficient. The Committee therefore adhere to the original Report

The Subject of Burlings Slip being of a momentous concern Your Committee conceive themselves inadequate to decide thereon And propose that the whole Corporation view the premisses to enable them to decide with greater certainty whether it will be most expedient to keep open the present Common Sewer [435] for the Purposes and at the expence of this Board, or whether the same ought to be closed, or the Neighborhood allowed to keep it at their private expence: in which latter case that part of Queen Street at the foot of Golden Hill

must be raised and the Pavement leading East & West therefrom for some Distance at the expence of this Board. The point for contemplation being; which of the two Cases will ultimately be attended with the greatest benefit and the least Expence.

The Survey of Cherry Street was referred to the next Meeting in order to see how it accorded with the Principles of the general Survey taken last Winter

The Committee moreover report that the Survey of Dye Street from the Broadway to Greenwich Street be adopted on the following Principles viz$^{t}$ that the said Street be regulated on a regular descent from the Pavement now laying in the Broadway to the Pavement in Greenwich Street agreable to the Survey accompanying this Report.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theophilus Beekman
John Pintard
William J Elsworth.

[436] The Board proceeded to the consideration of the said Report

And thereupon Resolved that the Petitioners against the Regulation of Broad Street & Maiden Lane be heard by Council at the next Meeting of the Board.

Resolved that this Board will at six O'Clock to Morrow Morning meet at Burlings Slip to view the situation of the Street there.

Resolved that the Survey & Regulation of Nassau Street be amended by digging down at the intersection of Kings Street one foot instead of one foot six Inches.

The following Letters from the President of the Senate & Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States enclosing the following Resolutions, were received & presented to the Board by M$^{r}$ Mayor viz$^{t}$

New York 12$^{th}$ August 1790.

Sir.

It is with great pleasure that, in obedience to an Order of the Senate of the United States, I have the honor to enclose their Resolution of this date, which was unanimously agreed to; and in behalf of the Senate, I request that you will be pleased to communicate the same to the Corporation of this City, and at the same time signify to them, that it is the wish of the Senate, that the Corporation will permit such Articles of furniture &c. now in [437] the City Hall,

as have been provided by Congress, to remain for the use of that Building.

I am, Sir,
Your Most Obedient
Humble Servant.

John Adams {Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate

The May[or] of the
City of New York.

United States of America

In Senate August 12th 1790

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of the Senate be given to the Corporation of the City of New York, for the elegant and convenient accommodations provided for Congress.

Attest,
Sam. A. Otis Secy

New York 11th August 1790

Sir

It is with great pleasure that, in obedience to an Order of the House of Representatives of the United States, I have the honor to inclose their resolution of this date, which was unanimously agreed to; and in behalf of the House, I request that you will be pleased to communicate the same to the Corporation of this City, and at the same time signify to them, that it is the wish of the House, that the Corporation will permit such Articles of furniture &c. now in the City Hall as have been provided by Congress to remain for the use of that building.

I am, Sir, with due Respect
Your Most Obedient Servant.

Fredk. A. Muhlenberg Speaker H. R. U. S.

[438] In the House of Representatives of the United States

Wednesday, the 11th of August 1790

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this House be given to the Corporation of the City of New York, for the elegant and convenient accommodations provided for Congress.

Attest.
John Beckley Clerk

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Abraham Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from 26th April to the 26th July last..... | £136:—:— |
| issued | Jameson Cox for subsisting criminal Prisoners in Goal in the Months of May June & July last..... | £57: 3:— |
| issued | George Pick for Repairs to Pecks Slip Market..... | £7: 4: 6 |

[439] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held Friday the 20th day of Augt 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

John Wylley, Theophs Beekman, Daniel McCormick, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Jeremiah Wool } Esqrs Aldn

John Van Dyk, Peter T Curtenius, William J Elsworth, John Pintard, Stephen McCrea, George Janeway } Assistts

Several of the proprietors of Lots in Maiden Lane attended the Board & were heard as to their Objections against the Regulation & Survey of that Street lately made & adopted by the Board.

Whereupon it was ordered that the said Survey be amended & altered thus "To be raised one foot three Inches at the intersection of Nassau Street instead of two feet three Inches & that the said Street be paved with a regular descent from the Kennel on the East side of the Broadway to the said intersection & from thence to the intersection of William Street where the same is to be raised as reported by the Committee.

[440] Some of the Petitioners against the intended Regulation of Broad Street also attended and, alledging that their Council was indisposed, prayed that further time be given them until the next Meeting, Then a Petition from several Proprietors of Lots in the said Street signifying their approbation of the said Regulation, was presented & read.

Whereupon the Board proceeded to the consideration of the said Regulation & Survey And on the Question that the same be adopted by the Board it passed in the Affirmative by all the Members present except Aldn Wool & Messrs Van Dyk & Janeway.

Resolved that the said Survey be adopted accordingly

Ordered that the Street Committee direct Surveys for the Regulation of Mill Street & Great Dock Street from Coenties Slip to White Hall Street.

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of Wall Street from the Broad Way to Broad Street—Kings Street from the Broad Way to Queen Street—& Smith Street from Duke Street to Great Dock Street were respectively read & ratified by the Board.

[441] Ordered that Robert Bruce & Gerrit Van Gelder be appointed & authorized to receive the Monies mentioned in the said Assessment of Wall Street and to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street

That John Pintard be authorized to receive the Monies mentioned in the said Assessment of Kings Street & that John M^cComb be appointed to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street.

And that William Gilbert be authorized to receive the Monies mentioned in the said Assessment of Smith Street & that John Stagg be appointed to superintend and direct the paving of the said Street

A Petition for a Regulation of Warren Street was read & referred to the Street Committee

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board.

The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Shelvey Report that Joseph Shelvey receive the Sum of £18 for his former Services and that the Sum of £35 P^r Annum be allowed to him for his Services as well without as within the Bridewell in future

John Wylley
Theop^s Beekman
Will^m J Elsworth
Stephen M^cCrea

Ordered that David Johnston be appointed a fireman to Hook & Ladder Company vice John Thompson resigned

[442] The Board having viewed the Situation of Queens Street at Burlings Slip, and, having considered the Case were of Opinion that it is not practicable without great Injury to the Houses to raise Queen Street so high as to convey the Water above Ground into the River and that therefore a Drain or Sewer is absolutely necessary.

Ordered that the Street Committee report a plan of the form of such Drain or Sewer with an Estimate of the Expence.

For the better accommodation of the Country People who resort the Fly Market to vend their produce and to prevent interruption from passing Carriages it is conceived necessary that during Market Hours a Chain be fixed across Front Street thirty feet West of the side or range of the Street leading along the West side of the said Market to the River. Ordered that M^r Culbertson Deputy Clerk of the Market cause a Chain to be fixed across the said Street accordingly.

Ordered that such of the Hucksters who sit in the lower part of the Market as shall be convicted of forestalling be removed to the upper part of the Market

Ordered that Ald[n] Wool & Mess[rs] Van Dyk & Janeway be a Committee to examine the City Hall & report its State & the Measures necessary for its preservation with an Estimate of the Expence

[443] The Board proceeded to the further Consideration of the Petition of the Ministers Elders & Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York presented on the 10[th] Instant; And resolved that the Prayer of the said Petition should be granted.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Draft of a Release & report the same to the Board accordingly

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Joseph Shelvey for his former Services in & out of the Bridewell as reported by the Committee this day..... | £18:—:— |
| issued | Stephen M[c]Crea in full for the erection of Bulkheads in Cherry Street across George & Charlotte Slips..... | £101:—:— |
| issued | Cornelius B Sebring for Iron Work to Pumps in the North Ward ..... | £1:11: 3 |
| issued | William Sloo for conveying Vagrants to Bridewell from 1[st] May to 1[st] Aug[t]..... | £25: 7: 6 |
| issued | Simon Kiersted for Repairs to Pumps in the North Ward ..... | £3: 9: 6 |
| issued | Rinier Skaats as Doorkeeper & Messenger from 15[th] May to 15[th] Aug[t] & Disbursem[ts]..... | £10:18:— |
| issued | John Walters for Repairs to the Ferry House at Brooklin ..... | £3:11: 9 |

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# MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 1790, TO APRIL 2, 1793

[1] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 27th day of Augt 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Theops Beekman | | William J Elsworth | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| John Wylley | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | George Janeway | |
| Daniel McCormick | | Stephen McCrea | |

The Clerk according to order presented the Draft of a Release to the Minister Elders & Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York of the annual Rent reserved on a certain Piece of Ground in Montgomerie Ward and also of certain Conditions contained in the Grant from this Corporation of the said Piece of Ground; which was read & approved by the Board & ordered to be engrossed.

Aldn Wool from the Committee for the purpose, reported verbally on the State and Condition of the City Hall Whereupon it was ordered that the whole of the exterior parts of the Building be painted and that Messrs Van Zandt & Janeway be appointed to superintend & direct the same and also to direct such Repairs as may be adjudged by the Committee necessary for the preservation of the Building.

[2] The following Reports on Duke, Princess, Garden, Cherry, and Chesnut Streets were respectively read & agreed to. vizt

Duke Street.

"That Duke Street be regulated on an ascent from Smith Street of one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of ninety four feet three Inches; thence descending two Inches and four tenths on every ten feet to the intersection of Broad Street agreable to the new Regulation thereof."

Princess Street

"That Princess Street be regulated on one regular descent from Smith Street to the new Regulation of Broad Street.

Garden Street

"That Garden Street be regulated on a descent of one Inch and an half on *on* every ten feet from Smith Street to opposite the middle Door of the old Dutch Church and from thence on a descent of four

Inches & sixty nine hundred parts of an Inch on every ten feet to the intended Kennel of Broad Street agreable to the new Regulation

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theo$^{s}$ Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
Will$^{m}$ J Elsworth
John Pintard

Chesnut Street

"That Chesnut Street having never been paved requires Regulation for the accommodation of the Inhabitants and that it be regulated on an ascent from Rutgers Street of one Inch on ten feet to a Distance of one hundred & seventy three feet and from thence on a descent of one Inch on ten feet to the intersection of Banckers Street"

[3] Cherry Street

"That the Regulation of Cherry Street be on a descent from Dover Street to Roosevelt Street of three Inches & sixteen hundredths on ten feet and from thence on a descent of one Inch & an half on ten feet to the intersection of S$^{t}$ James's Street and from thence on an ascent of one Inch & a quarter on ten feet to a distance of one hundred & five feet and from thence on a descent of one Inch and a quarter on every ten feet to the intersection of Oliver Street and from thence on an ascent of one Inch & a quarter on every ten feet to the distance of one hundred and twenty six feet and from thence on a descent of one Inch on ten feet to the intersection of Catharine Street According to which Regulation there will be three feet descent reserved in order to conduct the Water with one Inch descent on ten feet to Front Street"

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theo$^{s}$ Beekman
Will$^{m}$ J Elsworth
John Pintard.

The Surveys of the said respective Streets were examined & approved by the Board And then Ordinances for the paving of the said Streets respectively were read & passed by the Board.

[4] The Street Committee reported that they had conferred with M$^{r}$ Egberts on the Subject of compensating him for the part of his Lot which falls within the Line of White Hall Street by the late Regulation thereof And that he had offered to Release so much of the

said Lot to this Corporation for the consideration of sixty Pounds; which was acceded to by the Board

Ordered that the Clerk obtain from Mr Egberts a Release of part of his said Lot accordingly.

Ordered that the Committee for Brooklin Ferry cause the Wharf & Bridge to be repaired as they may judge necessary for its preservation.

Ordered that the Clerk apply to the Corporation of the Episcopal Church for a positive Answer with respect to the triangular Piece of Land at the junction of the Post & Bloomingdale Roads and report the same at the next Meeting

Ordered that the Committees on the Subjects of Genl Malcom & Mrs Lawrence respecting the Water Lots at Beekmans Slip report at the next Meeting.

Ordered that Aldn McCormick & Wool & Mr Van Dyk be a Committee to confer with Mr Ryerse respecting the Elizabeth Town Ferry & the necessary Repairs to the Ferry Stairs

Ordered that Mr Recorder & Aldn Stoutenburgh & Van Zandt be a Committee to confer with the Representatives of Anthony Rutgers decd on the subject of the *Fresh Water Pond.

[5] The Committee appointed to report a Scheme of the second Lottery† reported the following Scheme to be conducted under the same Regulations as the former, and to commence drawing on the first Monday in January next or sooner if full; which was approved by the Board vizt

Scheme

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| 1 Prize | | £3000 |
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| 4 | 500 | 2000 |
| 6 | 300 | 1800 |
| 12 | 200 | 2400 |
| 40 | 100 | 4000 |
| 80 | 50 | 4000 |
| 200 | 20 | 4000 |
| 330 | 10 | 3300 |
| 7000 | 2:10/ | 17500 |
| 7,676 Prizes | | £46000 |
| 15,324 Blanks | | |
| 23,000 Tickets @ 40/ | | @ 15 P Ct deduction will raise £6900 |

*Marginal note reads *Collect.*—Ed.
†Marginal note reads *to reimburse expenses for repairing the City Hall.*—Ed.

The Board proceeded to the nomination & appointment of Managers of the said Lottery and Messrs Isaac Stoutenburgh Peter T Curtenius John Pintard & Abraham Herring were nominated & appointed accordingly

Ordered that the said Managers enter into Bonds with the like Penalty & Sureties as in the case of the last Lottery for the faithfull execution of the Trust reposed in them.

[6] Carson Dickenson attended the Board & produced a Letter of Attorney executed by Enoch Moore of the Borough of Elizabeth in the County of Essex State of New Jersey only managing Executor of *of* the Estate of John Bessonet deceased authorizing the said Carson Dickenson to receive all Monies due & belonging to the said Estate; which said Letter of Attorney is recorded in the Clerks Office of this City.

Whereupon it was ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay unto the said Carson Dickenson for the use of the Estate of the said John Bessonet decd the Sum of £165 with Interest at five Pr Ct from the 6th day of April last in full for the Compensation awarded by the Commissioners for the Injury sustained by the Lot of Ground of the said John Bessonet in consequence of the late Alteration of Greenwich Street

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| issued | And to pay Aldn Stoutenburgh on Acct towards the Wharf at the Battery..... | £1500:—:— |
| issued | Mr George Janeway towards Repairs to the Goal..... | £50:—:— |
| issued | Henry Shute towards his Contract for repairing the public Roads ..... | £60:—:— |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for 9 Months Salary & his Acct of Disbursmts in the Lamp Departmt & for lighting the Lamps this Month..... | £97:17: 1 |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for 1 Years Salary at £60 & for his Acct of Disbursemts in the fire Engine Department | £95:19:10½ |
| issued | Cornr B Sebring for Iron Work to the Pumps in the North Ward ..... | £6: 7:11 |

[7] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 2d day of Septr 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

| Esqrs Aldn | Assistts |
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| Theophilus Beekman | Peter T Curtenius |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | John Pintard |
| Daniel McCormick | William J Elsworth |
| Jeremiah Wool | George Janeway |
| Wynant Van Zandt | John Van Dyk |
| John Wylley | Stephen McCrea |
| | Wynant Van Zandt |

The engrossed Grant & Release to the Minister Elders & Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York was read & approved of by the Board.

Ordered that the Common Seal of this City be affixed thereto that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board; to be delivered to the Parties on the Treasurers notifying the Clerk that the consideration Money and Rent due is paid.

A Petition of Edward Thomas on the Subject of the Ferry between this City & Elizabeth Town was read & referred to the Committee appointed on that Subject at the last Meeting.

[8] Gabriel W Ludlow presented to the Board a Bond from this Corporation to Charles Crook decd (assigned to the said Gabriel W Ludlow), conditioned for the payment of £500 the Interest whereof had been paid to the 7th May last; Mr Ludlow informed the Board that he had disposed of the said Bond to Elizabeth Barton who requested that the same might be delivered up to the Corporation on their executing to her a Bond in her own name for the like Sum. Whereupon it was ordered that a Bond from this Corporation to the said Elizabeth Barton conditioned for the payment of £500—with Interest at five Pr Ct from the 8th day of May last be made out, that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto and that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board.

Estimates and Assessments for the paving of Maiden Lane and Nassau Street from the City Hall to Maiden Lane were respectively read & ratified by the Board

Ordered that John J Roosevelt and Robert Benson be appointed & authorized to receive the Monies mentioned in the Assessment for Maiden Lane and John Mildeberger that for Nassau Street and that John Stagg be appointed to superintend and direct the paving of the said Streets.

A Petition of some of the Neighborhood in Kings Street signifying their Objections to the late Regulation of the said Street and praying that the same may be reconsidered & amended.

[9] The Board accordingly proceeded to the reconsideration of the Survey of the late Regulation of the said Street & thereupon Resolved that the same cannot be departed from.

On reading a Petition from the S[t] Tammany Society. Resolved that they may have the Use of the upper Room in the City Hall in front of the Library Room whenever the same shall be cleared by the Officers of Congress.

*A Petition of Benj[a] S Judah for a Grant of the Soil under the Water in front of his Land at Haerlem was read & referred to the Recorder & Ald[n] M[c]Cormick & Stoutenburgh.

The four following Reports were respectively read considered & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Subject of erecting a Drain or Common Sewer at Burling Slip. Report.

That the draft accompanying this report is a section of a drain which in their opinion it would be most proper to construct, upon the following principles. viz[t] To be two feet wide in the clear at the bottom, and at the height of two and an half feet, to be three feet wide, the bottom and sides to be built of Stone, the sides to be two feet thick the Crown to be of Brick and to Spring one foot and a half in diameter, so that the whole height of the drain will be four feet in the clear, under the Arch, and the Slope of the sides will facilitate the Passage of the Water, And that a well be constructed at the entrance of the drain of three feet and a half in diameter, with a grating over the Mouth, in order to receive the sand which may be carried down by heavy rains and in some measure prevent the [10] drain from being choaked.

The Committee have moreover formed an Estimate of the Expence, which would attend building a drain or Common Sewer on the above Principles, and from a tolerable calculation, Judge the whole cost thereof, from the Head of Queen Street to the present Bulkhead in Burling Slip, being a distance of Three hundred and twenty eight feet, may amount to about Four hundred Pounds, being at the rate of Twenty four shillings Per foot nearly, provided such Stone and Materials as may be found in the present drain, be given to the undertaker.

The Committee are moreover of opinion that should the business

* Marginal note reads *See Report P. 38. 46 87. Vol. 19. P. 154.*—Ed.

be undertaken, that the same be performed by Contract and Notice thereof given in the public Papers.

New York 30th August 1790.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theo$^{s}$ Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt } Committee
Will$^{m}$ J Elsworth
John Pintard

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of the Widow Lawrences Petition for a grant of the Water Lot fronting her property on the West side of Beekman Slip. Report.

That the Prayer of the Petition ought not to be granted by reason that the Slip in its present situation is far from being sufficiently large and commodious for the Coasters which frequent it, arising more particularly from a Block sunk a few Years past over an old wreck which lay in the Slip on the East side thereof, which Block is so situated and takes up so much of the Slip that should the Prayer of the Petition be granted, the Slip would be so much Straightned and contracted as to exclude a large proportion of Vessels that might otherwise resort to it.

The Committee wish to impress this Board with the importance of preserving every Slip as wide and Capacious as possible, The increase of the City is naturally followed by a proportionable increase of the Coasting trade, The harbours for which are at present scarcely sufficient [11] for their accommodation and in a few Years they will be under the necessity of laying off in the Stream, or submitting to pay a heavy Wharfage to the proprietors of private Wharfs which must operate as a direct Tax upon the necessaries of Life.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that it will be well in this Board, to countenance such measures which a Neighbourhood may adopt to extinguish the claim of preemption of individuals adjoining the public Slips, for the purpose of widening the same, As the Committee are well informed that it is the object of the Inhabitants about Beekman Slip to purchase if possible the right in the present instance, in order to widen and keep open forever the Water Lot, the front of which is the subject of the Petition, which in the opinion of the Committee would prove a very desireable improvement and of essential benefit to the Community.

Which is respectfully submitted.

New York 30th August 1790.

Theo$^{s}$ Beekman
George Janeway } Committee.
John Pintard.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of Chatham Street. Report.

That the said Street ought to be immediately paved in a manner conformable to the present regulation of the Street, from Tryon Row to Frankfort Street, and recommend Mr John Stagg to perform the Work.

New York 30th August 1790.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theos Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt } Committee
Willm J Elsworth
John Pintard

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of General Malcoms request, that he should have the privilege of Wharfage for one Vessel on the East side of Beekman Slip for a certain Term of Years. Report.

That as far as they can investigate General Malcoms pretensions to such priviledge, they [12] can find no reason why the same should be granted, on the contrary they are of opinion that such a grant would establish a precedent very detrimental to the revenues of this Board, as no doubt there are many other individuals who are obliged to keep the Slip adjoining their property in repair, who would make claim to the like favor and there is no knowing where such claims if once admitted would stop.

The Committee beg leave further to represent the shameful condition in which the East side of Beekman Slip is at this day, to the very great injury of this Corporation, as no Vessel can discharge at a great part thereof, by reason that the Bridges connecting the Blocks have been taken up and the Timbers cut away insomuch as to render the approach totally impassable for Carts, by whom or by whose order they conceive it the duty of this Board to make an immediate inquiry and recommend that the premises be viewed by a Committee of the whole Board.

The Committee moreover find, that an application made by Genl Malcom to this Corporation for the priviledge of purchasing about five feet of Ground more or less on the West side of his property, and on the East side of Beekman Slip, which five feet would be a continuation of the line of the upper part of Beekman Slip from Queen Street to Water Street, that this request has been opposed by a Petition from a number of the other Inhabitants in the vicinity, assigning as a reason, that having purchased a right from Doctor Cochran on the opposite

side of the Street for the purpose of keeping the said Street wide, they therefore would consider this object in some measure defeated should this Corporation grant Gen[l] Malcolms said request. The Committee recommend said Petition to the notice of this Board (which is said to have been presented somewhere about two Years past) before the Corporation comes to any decision on the premises.

Which is respectfully submitted.

New York 30[th] August 1790. Theo[s] Beekman, John Pintard, George Janeway. } Committee

[13] Whereupon it was agreed that the whole Board would to Morrow Morning view the Condition of Beekmans Slip

The Committee on the Case of Peter P Van Zandts claim at Burlings Slip delivered in a Report which was read & ordered to be filed for the present And it was resolved that this Board will not make any Grant of the Soil under Water in front of the Lots late of David Provoost dec[d] at Burlings Slip until the Claim of Peter P. Van Zandt be settled.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Jon[s] Trumbull for a *Portrait of the President of the United States | £186: 13: 4 |
| issued | John Simmons for the Use of his Room, fire Wood, Candles &[c] | £89: 8: 6 |

[14] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 10[th] day of Sept[r] 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

Esq[rs] Ald[n]: Isaac Stoutenburgh, Wynant Van Zandt, Daniel M[c]Cormick, Theoph[s] Beekman, John Wylley, Jeremiah Wool

Assistants: William J Elsworth, Peter T Curtenius, John Pintard, George Janeway

In pursuance of the Statute of this State entitled "An Act to regulate the Election of Charter Officers in the City of New York" the Board proceeded to nominate and appoint an Inspector in each Ward of the ensuing annual Election for Charter Officers And also to fix on a proper Place in each Ward at which such Election shall be

* Marginal note reads *See Vol. 9. P. 418.*—ED.

held And the following Persons and Places were nominated & appointed and fixed on. viz[t] In the.

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| South Ward..... | John McKesson..... | The Exchange |
| Dock Ward..... | John Oothout..... | Mr Brinckerhoffs Corner |
| East Ward..... | John Jones ..... | The Coffee House |
| West Ward..... | Wm W. Gilbert..... | Bardins Tavern |
| North Ward..... | David M: Clarkson.... | The City Hall |
| Montgomerie Ward..... | Selah Strong ..... | Rawsons Tavern |
| Out Ward ..... | Henry Rutgers ..... | Bulls Head Tavern. |

[15] A Petition for the paving of a foot Way along Chatham Row was read & referred to the Street Committee, who are also to report on the Streets on the West side of *Great George Street & in front of the Bridewell, Alms House & Goal.

A Petition of Samuel Maghee on the Subject of his account for the Digging out of Chatham Street was read and ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition of Joseph Young to be an Inspector of fire Wood was read & postponed until a vacancy happens

A Petition of Gilbert Van Mater for a Lease of the small Buildings belonging to this Corporation near the River at Brooklin Ferry was read & referred to the Committee on Repairs at the s[d] Ferry.

A Petition of John B Coles & others—Proprietors of Lots at White Hall for a further Grant into the River was read & referred to the Committee on the Eliz[th] Town Ferry Stairs.

A Petition from the Society of S[t] Taminy for the use of the Room in the Exchange was read & the Prayer thereof granted: except when the Room shall be wanted for public use.

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Nassau Street from Maiden Lane to Franckfort Street was read & ratified. And John Mildeberger was appointed & authorized to receive the Money & Joseph Cheesman to superintend & direct the paving of the said Street.

[16] Be it ordained that William De Peyster & Daniel Dunscomb Jun[r] be appointed to make the Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Cherry Street in the stead of William Newton & Andrew Underhill.

On a suggestion that the Corporation of the Episcopal Church declined accepting of a Grant of the Triangular Piece of Ground at the junction of the Post and Bloomingdale Roads on the Terms determined on by this Board on the 16[th] of April last. Ordered that the Treasurer demand and receive all the Rent due & which shall become due and also all Monies which shall have been received by any Persons for Rent due on the said Piece of Ground

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—Ed.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The Street Committee Report That in their Opinion Church Street be regulated and paved agreable to the following Plan. Beginning at the north Kennel in Partition Street and thence ascending one Inch and an half on every 10 feet to halfway towards Vesey Street and from thence descending one Inch and an half on every 10 feet to the south Kennel of Vesey Street and from the north Kennel of Vesey Street ascending one Inch and an half on every 10 feet to halfway towards Barclay Street and from thence descending one Inch and an half on every 10 feet to the south Kennel of Barclay Street."

Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared accordingly

[17] The Board having on Friday last viewed the state of Beekmans Slip.

Ordered that the Clerk notify General Malcom that unless he cause the Wharf or Pier on the East side of Beekmans Slip to be compleatly made by the tenth day of October next so as to render it safe and convenient for Carts and the lading and unlading of Vessels and also so as to prevent the Slip from filling in by the Earth & filth out of the Wharf this Board will cause the said Wharf or Pier together with the adjoining Lot to be made compleat at the expence of the Corporation and will hold the same for public use. And further that he be required without delay to remove the Shed & Posts erected and set along the southwest side of his House and which are deemed an encroachment on the Street leading to the Slip.

Resolved that the Resolution of this Board of the 12[th] day of July 1786 whereby they had determined to grant to General Malcom the Strip of Ground along the southwest side of his House & Lot of the breadth of four feet three Inches be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The several Charges in the Treasurers Books against Peter P. Van Zandt for £19:4:11 John Cruger for £18:0:3—Patrick M[c]Davit for £26:11:4½—David Morris for £16:—:—David Baldwin for £4:8:10—& Joseph Baldwin for £4:17:1—for Monies paid [18] by this Corporation towards paving the Streets in front of their respective Lots being so circumstanced as not to be recoverable against the said Persons.

Ordered that the Treasurer close his accounts against the said several Persons & charge the said several Sums to the Account of the City of New York.

The Treasurer reported on the Petition of Elias Boudinot Esq[r].

Thereupon ordered that the Clerk prepare a Lease to M[r] Boudinot

of Lot N° 6. in Chatham Street for the Term of 37 Years from the 1st day of May last at the Rent of £7 Pr Annum which said Lot was demised to James Brady for the Term of 21 Years from the 1st day of May 1785 and by him assigned and transferred to the sd Elias Boudinot Esqr

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off the Bonds from this Corporation to Samuel Gilford, Ann McAdam & William Kirby as soon as the Revenue fund will admit

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to issued advance George Janeway the Sum of £100:—on Acct towards Repairs to the City Hall.

[19] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 17th Septr 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Daniel McCormick<br>John Wylley<br>Theops Beekman<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | Peter T Curtenius<br>George Janeway<br>John Pintard<br>Stephen McCrea<br>William J Elsworth<br>John Van Dyk<br>Tobias Van Zandt |

Assists

John Hillyer. Cooper. admitted & sworn a free Man

Proposals sealed of John Stagg, Solomon Smith & George Gosman for making the Drain or Common Sewer at Burlings Slip were presented by the Clerk & on being opened & examined George Gosmans at £322:11/ was accepted. Thereupon an Ordinance for the erects of the said Drain or Common Sewer was read & passed by the Board.

Ordered that Mary Cox be permitted to occupy a vacant Room in the Barracks

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of Little Queen Street & Fair Street were respectively read & ratified And Abijah Abbot was appointed to receive the Monies on the first & Matthew Redette on the latter of the said Assessmts [20] And John McComb was appointed to superintend the paving of the first and George Gosman the latter of the said Streets.

An Ordinance for the paving of Church Street from Partition Street to Barclay Street was read & passed by the Board.

Ordered that Anthony Rutgers Ebenezer Young Thomas Dodge, Gilbert Pell & the Representatives of Theophilus Hardenbrook decd

be notified that unless they compleat Cherry Street in front of their respective Lots agreable to the former order of this Board by the first day of November next they will be proceeded against on the Covenants contained in their respective Grants

Ordered that the Managers pay the Neat Proceeds of the Lottery into the Bank in discharge of the Bond against this Corporation.

The four following Reports from the Street Committee were read and agreed to by the Board. viz[t]

"The Committee on the Subject of carrying into effect the new Line on the East side of White Hall Street. Report that M[r] Miles Sherbrooke who owns the corner Lot on White Hall Street & Great Dock Street, proposes, that instead of extending the front of his Lot six feet agreable to the Line adopted by the Corporation the 27[th] August last [21] that the said front should only extend two feet two Inches & an half, being an equal proportion with what is taken off of the Rear of his Lot by the aforesaid Line In which case he will consider himself as compensated for the Ground taken from him. The Committee are of Opinion that the Proposition is reasonable and that as this is the terminating point of the Line, the deviation from the Plan adopted by the Board in this respect can be attended with no disagreable consequences whatever & therefore recommend that the Board adopt the Proposals."

The Street Committee Report. "That the Pavement in the Broadway on the East side thereof adjoining the Pavement in front of Vesey Street should be paved in such a manner as to form an Arch in Conjunction with the Pavement on the West side of the said Broad Way, so as to form a Kennel for the Water that may decend by the Kennels to be formed on either side of the Pavements that may hereafter be made on both sides of the Triangular point in front of the Broadway, and recommend that John Stagg be directed to pave the same accordingly and that this Board do provide for the Expence."

The General Street Committee on the Subject of Murray Street Report. "That said Street be regulated on a regular descent from the Broadway to Greenwich Street with a descent of Two Inches and $^{58}/_{100}$ on every ten feet according to which said Street at the distance of Two hundred and fifty feet from the Broadway must be dug down three feet seven Inches, at the Intersection of Church Street seven feet and one Inch, at one hundred and fifty nine feet from thence to be dug down nine feet eight Inches, at a distance [22] of one hundred and fifty feet further, to be dug down seven feet, at the Intersection of Chapple Street to be dug down Five feet two Inches, at a distance

of One hundred and fifty four feet from thence, to be dug down six feet and eight Inches, And at a distance of One hundred and thirty six feet further to be dug down three feet two Inches, which is respectfully submitted."

The General Street Committee on the Subject of Robinson Street Report. "That said Street be regulated on one direct Line from the Broadway to the Intersection of Church Street with a descent of one Inch and $^{85}/_{100}$ on every ten feet, according to which at a distance of One hundred feet from the Broadway, said Street must be dug down one foot, and at the distance of one hundred and fifty feet further, it must be dug down one foot and ten Inches." which is respectfully submitted.

New York 16th Septr 1790.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theos Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
Willm J Elsworth
John Pintard
Stephen McCrea.
} Committee

Surveys of Murray Street & Robinsons Street were also presented by the Committee & approved by the Board.

issued — Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay John Roosevelt & Robt Benson the Sum of £34:2:11 for the Corporations part (at the Oswego Market) of paving Maiden Lane.

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| issued | David Waldron on Acct of his Contract for repairs the public Roads | £60:—:— |
| issued | Isaac Stoutenburgh Esqr for the ballce due for erects the Oil Store | £188:19: 5 |
| issued | Francis & George Dominick for Joist on the Repairs to Kings Bridge in 1784 | £2:15: 6 |

[23] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 24th Septr 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

John Wylley, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Daniel McCormick, Wynant Van Zandt } Esqrs Aldn
Peter T Curtenius, John Pintard, William J Elsworth, Stephen McCrea } Assistants

Abm H Martling Laborer, was admitted & sworn a free Man

A Letter from the Treasurer with Copies of the annual Accts of this Corporation was read. And thereupon ordered that the Aldn & Assistants of the East & Dock Wards & the Aldn of the West Ward be a Committee to meet at the Treasurers & examine & audit his Accts & Vouchers of the present Year & report to the Board

A Petition of Anthony Rutgers praying a further time for complying with the Order of this Board to compleat Cherry Street was read & rejected.

A Petition of Samuel Farmer respecting the boundary line of his Water Lot at Pecks Slip was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of Montgomerie Ward & the Assistt of the East Ward.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off the Bond from this Corporation to Leonard Kip as the Revenue fund shall admit.

On reading a Petition from several of the Inhabitants. Ordered that John Ackerman be permitted to erect a Scale at his Door [24] (provided it does not interrupt the passage in the Street) for the weighing of Flour brought to Market in Bags.

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of Cherry Street from Dover Street to Catharine Street—Princess Street—Garden Street—& Beekman Street from Gold Street to Nassau Street, were respectively read & ratified by the Board. And Jacob Tabellie was appointed to collect the Monies and Joseph Cheesman to superintend the paving of Cherry Street—William Gilbert to collect the Monies & John Stagg to superintend the paving of Princess & Garden Streets—And Martin Cregier to collect the Monies & George Gosman to superintend the paving of Beekman Streets.

A Petition for the regulating of Thomas Street from Chatham Street to King George Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

Ordered that Alexander Lamb be appointed a Captain of the City Watch in the place of Bartholomew Skaats resigned.

Ordered that Ald[n] Stoutenburgh & Mess[rs] Pintard & M[c]Crea be a Committee to report a future Arrangement of the Lamp Department.

The Committee, consisting of Ald[n] M[c]Cormick & Wylley & Mess[rs] Pintard & Elsworth appointed to confer with the *Proprietors of the Land in the Rear of the Bridewell & Alms House respecting [25] their boundary Line Reported That agreable to appointment they attended on the Ground at 6 OClock on Thursday Morning the 24[th] June with M[r] Gœrick one of the City Surveyors. That only M[r] Kip attended on behalf of the Proprietors and pointed out to your Committee the Place of beginning in the said Proprietors Grant which he informed them was made under the Dutch Government upon which your Committee directed the said Surveyor to measure the same & lay it down in Dutch & English Measure which has been done, and since that time your Committee have had no Meeting with, nor heard anything from the Proprietors on the Subject. Which Plan & Surveys accompanies this Report"

Ordered that M[r] Recorder as Atty for this Corporation prosecute for all such parts of the said Lands as do not fall within the Line, agreable to the Dutch Measurement, And that a Warrant of Atty under the Seal of this Corporation be made out to M[r] Recorder accordingly.

issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay Thomas Lafoy the Sum of £6:5:7 for the Corporations part of paving the Broadway at the Oswego Market

issued [26] To Dan[l] Burger for Repairs to Pumps in the Out Ward £16:13:8 And the further Sum of £9:18:3 for the like in Mont[g] Ward.

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| issued | To Thomas Greenleaf for printing advertizements..... | £3: 8:— |
| issued | To Gerard[s] Burger for Iron Work to the Pumps in the Out W[d] ..... | £2: 9: 1½ |
| | And for the like in Mont[g] W[d]..... | 0:12: 6 |
| issued | To Israel Navarro for the Ball[ce] due him for Repairs to Brooklin Wharf..... | £4:—:— |

* Marginal note reads *Kip Malcolm &c*—ED.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 29th Septr 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Daniel McCormick | | William J Elsworth | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | Peter T Curtenius | |
| Theops Beekman | | George Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | | |

This being the Day appointed in & by the Charter of this City for the Election of Charters Officers, the Clerk laid before the Board the Poll Lists of the Elections held in the several Wards from which it appears that the follows Persons were duly elected. vizt

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| | Jeremiah Wool | Alderman |
| | John Van Dyk | Assistant |
| South Ward | John Lewis, Joseph George | Assessors |
| | Aert Huysman | Collector |
| | John Hillyer, Jonas Roe | Constables |
| | Wynant Van Zandt | Alderman |
| | Garrit Harsen | Assistant |
| Dock Ward | John Oothout, Conradt W Ham | Assessors |
| | William Gilbert | Collector |
| | Richard Smith, Abraham H Martling | Constables |
| | Daniel McCormick | Alderman |
| | John Pintard | Assistant |
| East Ward | Joshua Waddington, Cornelius Ray | Assessors |
| | Robert Johnston | Collector |
| | John Harrison, Barent Newkerk | Constables |
| | Isaac Stoutenburgh | Alderman |
| | William J Elsworth | Assistant |
| West Ward | John G Glover, Barnardus Swartwout Junr | Assessors |
| | Thomas Lafoy | Collector |
| | John Reins, Robert Berwick | Constables |

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| | John Wyllie | | Alderman |
| | George Janeway | | Assistant |
| North Ward | James J Beekman | | Assessors |
| | William Ash | | |
| | John Mildeberger | | Collector |
| | Peter Hoyer | | Constables |
| | Henry Burtsell | | |
| [28] | Theophilus Beekman | | Alderman |
| | Tobias Van Zandt | | Assistant |
| Montg Ward | Thomas Lawrence | | Assessors |
| | Thomas Tom | | |
| | Hugh Montgomery | | Collector |
| | John Fleming | | Constables |
| | Joseph Donaldson | | |
| | Nicholas Bayard | | Alderman |
| | Stephen McCrea | | Assistant |
| | Henry Rutgers | | Assessors |
| | Abraham K Beekman | Bowery Division | |
| | Richard Furman | | Collector |
| Out Ward | Lewis A Gautier | | Constables |
| | John Dietz | | |
| | Hendrick Van Breemen | | Assessors |
| | Andrew Magown | Harlem Division | |
| | John Bussing | | Collector |
| | Barney Bowers | | Constables |
| | Benjamin Waldron | | |

The Board then proceeded to the nomination & appointment of a Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City for the Year ensuing and Daniel Phœnix was duly nominated and appointed accordingly

Mr Mayor was pleased to nominate & appoint James Culbertson to be High Constable of this City for the Year ensuing.

Ordered that all the aforegoing Officers be notified to attend at the City Hall on the 14th October next at 11 O'Clock in the forenoon to take the Oaths required by Law & the Charter of this City.

[29] An Ordinance for the new paving of Dey Street from the Broad Way to Greenwich Street was read & passed by the Board

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz[t]

"The general Street Committee on the subject of Mill Street Report that the same be regulated from the head at Duke Street to the present Custom House on a descent of six Inches & $^{18}/_{100}$ to every 10 feet according to which that part of the Street will remain as it is. And from thence that the said Street be regulated with a descent to Broad Street agreable to the intended Regulation of one Inch & $^{75}/_{100}$

on ten feet whereby it must be raised seven Inches at the distance of 167 feet from the said Custom House.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Willm J Elsworth
John Pintard
} Comtee

Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for paving the said Street accordingly

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Duke Street was read & ratified by the Board And William Gilbert was appointed to receive the Monies in the said Assessment mentioned & John Stagg to superintend the paving of the said Street.

Ordered that Ephraim Brasher, John Franklin & Peter Arrel be appointed [30] to receive the Monies assessed for the paving of Cherry Street in the stead of Jacob Tabellie.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

issued John Stagg on account for paving by order & at the expence of this Bd..... £30:—:—

issued Andrew Thompson for the ballee of £60 allowed him by the Bd on the 30th of July last for digging & levelling Chatham Street between Franckfort Street & Tryon Row ..... £20:16:—

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 5th day of Octr. 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Jeremiah Wool
Theophilus Beekman
John Wylley
Wynant Van Zandt
Daniel McCormick
} Esqrs Aldn

William J Elsworth
John Pintard
Stephen McCrea
George Janeway
} Assistts

Pursuant to the Directions of the Statute entitled "An Act for emitting the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of credit for the purposes therein mentioned" passed the 18th April 1786 Evert Bancker & Cornelius Ray Esqrs Loan Officers of the City & County of New York laid before [31] this Board the Books of Mortgages Minutes and Accounts by them taken and kept as Loan Officers as aforesaid And this Board having carefully inspected & examined the said Books, Minutes & Accounts Do find that the said Loan Officers have

received the Sum of one thousand five hundred & eighty seven Pounds being the full amount of Interest due the Third Tuesday in September last on the Sum of £31740 at 5 P. C$^{t}$ remaining in their Hands on the third Tuesday in June 1789 that they have received the further Sum of seven hundred & thirty four Pounds from sundry Persons on account for Principal And that after retaining thereout the Sum of eighty Pounds for their Salary they had paid the said two Sums—amounting to £2241 into the Treasury of this State And further that the said Loan Officers have faithfully discharged the Trust in them reposed and performed their Duty in manner as by the said Statute is directed & required.

M$^{r}$ Mayor informed the Board that the Gentlemen who had provided the Barge for the use of the President of the United States during his Residence in this City had proposed to present the said Barge to this Corporation Whereupon M$^{r}$ Mayor was requested to thank the Gentlemen for their Intention and to inform them that as this Board can have no use for the said Barge they decline an acceptance of her.

[32] An Estimate and Assessment for the paving of Chesnut Street was read & ratified by the Board & Jonathan Conrey was appointed to receive the Monies in the said Assessment mentioned & Joseph Cheesman was appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street

Ordered that Ephraim Brasher and Archibald Kerly receive the Monies on the Assessment for paving Cherry Street in the stead of the Persons appointed for that purpose on the 29$^{th}$ Ult$^{o}$

The following Reports were read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

Your Street Committee in pursuance of the order of this Board of the 10$^{th}$ Ult$^{o}$ Report That a foot Walk of sixteen feet broad be paved with Brick or flatt Stone along Chatham Row to the Northwest Corner of the Presbyterian Church Yard beginning at said Corner and ascending $^{9}/_{10}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to the pavement at Andrew Hoppers Door

That a foot Walk of sixteen feet broad be paved with Brick or flat Stone along the westerly side of *Great George Street beginning at the Corner of Vesey Street at the intersection of the Kennel and ascending one Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 217 thence descending one Inch on every ten feet to the intersection of Barclay Street thence ascending one Inch on every ten [33] feet to the distance of 150 feet thence descending one Inch on every ten feet to the intersection of Robinson Street thence ascending one Inch on every ten feet to the intersection of Murray Street.

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—Ed.

That a foot Walk of sixteen feet broad be paved with Brick or flat Stone ascending from the Corner of the Bridewell Fence to as great a Distance as the situation of the Ground and the convenience of the public Buildings will admit in order that a descent for as much of the Water from the Ground in front thereof as possible may be obtained to the North River and then to descend to Franckfort Street

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theop$^{s}$ Beekman
Will$^{m}$ J Elsworth
Stephen M$^{c}$Crea
John Pintard

Ordered that Ordinances be prepared for paving Chatham Row & *Great George Street & that the Street Committee take order for the paving in front of the Bridewell &$^{c}$ agreable to the above Reports

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for lighting Lamps from 26$^{th}$ Aug$^{t}$ to 26$^{th}$ Sept$^{r}$ | £34: 4:— |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey public Whipper | £7: 1: 8 |
| issued | John Goodeve for Candles | £3: 0: 4 |

[34] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 11$^{th}$ day of October 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | William J Elsworth |
| John Wylley | | John Pintard |
| Daniel M$^{c}$Cormick | | Stephen M$^{c}$Crea |
| Nicholas Bayard | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Peter T Curtenius — Assist$^{ts}$ |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | George Janeway |
| Theop$^{s}$ Beekman | | John Van Dyk |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt |

Ordinances for paving Walks along Chatham Row and †Great George Street were respectively read & passed by the B$^{d}$

Petitions from Harmanus Gardinier & John Clermont to be Inspectors of fire Wood were read & postponed

Representations of Thomas Dodge & Ebenezer Young with the Reasons why they cannot immediately comply with the order of this

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—ED.

Board for compleating Cherry Street; were read & referred to the Street Committee.

Abraham Tyson was appointed a fireman to Engine N° 9 vice Lot Merckel rejected.

Ordered that M^r Mayor issue his Warr^t on the Treasurer to pay.

issued Willson Rawson for Lamp Oil..... £89: 0:11

issued Ab^m Polhemus for a Side of Leather for the fire Engine Department ..... 1:16:—

[35] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 14th Day of Oct^r 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esq^r Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq^r Recorder

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| Jeremiah Wool | | John Van Dyk | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen | |
| Daniel M^cCormick | | John Pintard | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esq^rs Ald^n | William J Elsworth | Assistants |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Nicholas Bayard | | Stephen M^cCrea | |

His Excellency the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council of Appointment having been pleased to reappoint Richard Varick Esq^r to the Office of Mayor &^c &^c of this City and Robert Boyd Esq^r to the Office of Sherif of this City & County, M^r Mayor attended by three or more of the Aldermen waited on his Excellency & took before him the Oaths prescribed by the Charter of this City and being returned to the City Hall his Commission as also that of the Sherif was, with the usual Solemnities, published. [36] Whereupon M^r Mayor returned to the Common Council Chamber and administered the Oaths prescribed by the Charter to the several Aldermen Assistants, Assessors (except John Oothout Cornelius Ray and Thomas Tom absent) High Constable and Petty Constables, except John Harrison absent, And also to the Sherif, Coroner & Treasurer or Chamberlain who produced a Bond for the due execution of his Office.

Ordered that Aldermen Stoutenburgh Van Zandt & Beekman & Mess^rs Pintard M^cCrea Elsworth & Van Dyk be the standing Committee for regulating Streets & Lamps That Aldermen Stoutenburgh & M^cCormick & M^r Pintard be the standing Committee for auditing Accounts.

And that Aldermen Van Zandt & Messrs Janeway & McCrea be the standing Committee for Roads.

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Crown Street was read & ratified by the Board and Jacob Tabellie was appointed to collect & receive the Monies and John Stagg to superintend the paving of the said Street.

The Medical Society having requested the use of a Room in the City Hall to meet in It was ordered that they be permitted to use the Common Council Chamber at such times as it shall not be wanted for the public use.

Ordered that John Oothout, & Thomas Tom Assessors & John Harrison Constable be notified to attend next Meeting to take the Oaths.

[37] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 22d day of October 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>John Wylley<br>Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | Garret Harsen<br>George Janeway<br>William J Elsworth<br>John Pintard<br>John Van Dyk | Assistts |

Ordered that Joseph Young be appointed an Inspector of fire Wood at St James Slip vice John Kill decd

Resolved that in future the appointments of Inspectors of fire Wood be made from among the superannuated or invalid Cartmen.

Ordered that Mr Recorder & the Aldn of the East & West Wards be added to the Committee on the City Hall & that the said Committee report a Plan for the Bar in the Court Room.

Ordered that the Street Committee take a view of Mulberry Street and if practicable report a plan for the regulation of it which will remove the inconveniences complained of by some of the Neighbours.

[38] The Street Committee made the following Report which was agreed to by the Board vizt

That the Pavement of Burlings Slip from Queens Street to the Bulkhead at the East River should be regulated in the following manner. Beginning at the Kennel on the Southeasterly side of Queen

Street and ascending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 142 feet & from thence descending one Inch on every ten feet to the Bulkhead.

Oct$^{r}$ 22$^{d}$ 1790

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theop$^{s}$ Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
Will$^{m}$ J Elsworth
John Pintard
John Van Dyk
} Committee.

The Survey of the said Street was approved And then an Ordinance for the paving of the said Street was passed by the B$^{d}$

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

*The Committee to whom the Petition of Benjamin S Judah was referred Report that they have examined the Matter of the said Petition and viewed the Premisses prayed for by the Petitioner. That the said Premisses consist of a Piece of Sedge or Thatch at Haerlem lying between high & low Water mark in Haerlem River in front of the upland there belonging to the Petitioner That the whole of the said River to low Water Mark on the Westchester side thereof is included in the City of New York as appears by the express Words [39] of the Charter and all the Land between high & low Water mark on the Haerlem side of the said River being granted by the Charter to this Corporation and expressly excepted and reserved to them in their Settlement of the Line with the People of Haerlem, the Committee are of Opinion that the Land prayed for by the Petitioner belongs to this Corporation and that it would be proper to grant the same to him upon reasonable Terms But they recommend that previous to any Grant thereof an accurate Survey thereof be made by one of the City Surveyors and laid before this Board.

Samuel Jones
Isaac Stoutenburgh

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Van Gelder remove all the Lamp Oil to the Store House at the Bridewell & that all the Oil be issued from that Place & no other.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Van Gelder be continued in his Office of Superintendant of the Lamp Department on his former Pay.

Ordered that the Students at Law be permitted to use the small Room adjoining the Common Council Chamber in the City Hall

* Marginal note reads *See P. 9. 46. 87. also Vol. 19. P. 154.*—Ed.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to pay

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| | Aldn Stoutenburgh on Acct towards the Battery Wharf | £1000:—:— |
| | George Janeway on Acct towards Repairs to the Goal.. | £50:—:— |
| issued | Edward Meeks for Blacksmith Work in the Lamp Departmt ..... | £25: 8: 9 |
| issued | Thomas Brown for flat Stones to the public Pumps..... | £3: 9: 1 |

[40] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday October the 29th 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Isaac Stoutenburgh, Daniel McCormick, Jeremiah Wool, Theophilus Beekman, Nicholas Bayard

Assistts: John Pintard, George Janeway, William J Elsworth, Garret Harsen, John Van Dyk, Stephen McCrea, Tobias Van Zandt

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of the Street at Burlings Slip, and the Walks along Chatham Row & the West side of *Great George Street from Vesey Street to Murray Street; were respectively read & ratified by the Board And Robert Johnston was appointed to receive the Monies on the Assessment for the Street at Burlings Slip and Jacob Tabellie Junr the Monies on the Assessments for the said Walks And George Gosman was appointed to superintend the said Pavements.

Ordered that the Business of inspecting fire Wood in the District from the East side of Waltons Wharf to the Eastward be equally divided between Henry Beekman & John Young.

John Oothout Assessor for the Dock Ward attended & took & subscribed the Oath of Office

[41] †A Petition of Lawrence Benson praying a Grant of the Soil from high to low Water Mark in Haerlem River opposite to his Farm was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

Ordered that the Aldn & Assistts of the East & Montg Wards see that the Wharf or Bulkhead at the Mouth of the Drain at Burlings Slip be well secured.

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 46. 87*.—Ed.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay

issued George Janeway the Sum of £100 on Acct towards Repairs to the City Hall

issued Wm Sloo for his extra Services in taking Fish for the Alms House & Bridewell..... £20:—:—

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[42] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 1st Novr 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Theops Beekman
Nicholas Bayard
Wynant Van Zandt
Isaac Stoutenburgh
John Wylley
Jeremiah Wool
Daniel McCormick
} Esqrs Aldn

Stephen McCrea
John Pintard
Wm J Elsworth
Garret Harsen
} Assists

John Harrison Constable in the East Ward attended & took & subscribed the Oath of Office.

Ordered that Aldn Stoutenburgh & Messrs Pintard & McCrea be a Committee to audit the Accts of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter.

Mr Mayor & the other Members proceeded to visit the several Wards in the two Houses & being returned the Committee reported that they had examined and audited the Accts of Expenditures of the two Houses & found them just & right vizt

The Alms House amounting to..... £1487: 8: 2
The Bridewell ..... 385: 9: 8½

An Estimate of the Commissioners for the ensuing Quarter was then read & approved by the board vizt

for the Alms House..... £1300:—:—
for the Bridewell..... 200:—:—

£1500:—:—

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay the said Sum accordingly

issued And to pay Abm Van Gelder the Sum of £10:— for the Relief of Mrs Moody Widow of the late Major Andrew Moody

issued And to John Gaulaudet a pauper..... £2:—:—

* Memorandum of the clerk reads *Lottery Acct*—Ed.

[43] The following Reports of the Street Committee were then read & agreed to by the Bd "That [it] is necessary to pave that part of Beekmans Street between Nassau Street and the Corner of Chatham Row and recommend that an Ordinance be passed to pave the same in conformity with the present Regulation of Beekman Street and Chatham Street."

"That the Prayer of the Petition for the digging and levelling Reade Street ought to be granted and that an Ordinance be passed to direct the digging and levelling of the said Street from Great George Broadway Street to Greenwich Street on a regular Descent from the former to the latter"

"That the situation of Thomas Street requires immediate Regulation and that the same be regulated on a direct Line from King George Street to Chatham Street"

Ordinances for the purpose of carrying into execution the said Reports were then read & passed by the Board.

[44] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 12th day of Novr 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Jeremh Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Wm J Elsworth | Assistts |
| Nichs Bayard | | John Pintard | |
| John Wylley | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | George Janeway | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | John Van Dyk | |
| Theops Beekman | | Garret Harsen | |

A Letter from Peter P Van Zandt on the Subject of his Claim to the Right of Wharfage at Burlings Slip and signifying his intention of instituting an amicable Suit against this Corporation for Damages was read Whereupon it was ordered that he be informed that this Board would join issue in the Suit and that it is their Wish that he would proceed without delay

A Petition from Peter P Van Zandt relative to the Street now paving at Burlings Slip and claiming certain building Stone which formerly composed the Wharf along the Slip and which were now dug up and used in the erecting of the new Drain or Common Sewer; was read and that part of it which respects the Stone was referred to the Aldn & Assist of the East and the Assistt of the Dock Wards.

[45] A Proposal subscribed by William Malcom, Daniel Dennis-

ton, Henry H Kip & John Kip & Isaac Van Vleck signifying their Desire to compleat their Affairs with this Corporation respecting the Lands commonly called the Negroe's burying Ground And proposing & consenting to submit to a Committee of this Board the Decision of every Question that can arise either about Measurement, Situation and Boundaries and upon such Settlement to receive and grant necessary Releases was read & referred to Mr Recorder Aldn Stoutenburgh & Wylley & Messrs Pintard & Janeway.

On reading a Petition of the Uranian Society Ordered that they be permitted to occupy the lower Room in the Southeast Angle of the City Hall.

A Petition of John Riker & others complaining of an undue proportion of the expence of paving the Street at Burlings Slip was read & rejected.

Assessments for the paving of Dey Street & Church Street were respectively read & ratified by the Board And Thomas Lafoy was appointed to collect the Monies therein mentioned & John Stagg was appointed to superintend the paving of the first And John Moore the latter of the said two Streets.

Ordered that Aldn Beekman & Wylley & Mr Pintard be a Committee to treat with the Corporation of the Dutch Church on the Subject of Widening Nassau Street.

[46] Ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell be instructed to keep their Accounts agreable to the plan approved of by the Board this day and that the Auditors of Accts meet with the Commissioners on the Subject previous to the next Quarterly Meeting at the Alms House.

A Proposal of Caspar Semler to hire the triangular Piece of Ground at the junction of the Post & Bloomingdale Roads near the three Mile Stone at the annual Rent of £15 was read & rejected

Ordered that the standing Committee of Accts be authorized & appointed to settle the Accounts subsisting between the late Mayor* & this Corporation.

And that the Treasurer be directed to wait on the late Mayor & obtain a settlement of the Rent by him received for the said triangular Piece of Ground & report the same to the Board at the next Meeting.

†Ordered that Grants be prepared to Benja S Judah & Lawrence Benson for the Soil from high to low Water Mark in Harlem River in front of their Land on a Quit Rent of ten Shillings for every 100

* Marginal note reads *James Duane.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *See P. 9. 38. 41 87.*—Ed.

feet and a Condition that they leave a Street of 40 feet on the outward part of the Soil to be granted.

Ordered that the following Persons be appointed fire Men of this City viz[t]

Gerrit Deforrest to Engine N° 9. vice Ebenezer Mathers removed.

John Duffie & Jeremiah Jessup to Engine N° 11. vice Joseph Corrie & George Titlar.

Jacob Moore to Engine N° 6 vice Abraham H Martlings.

[47] And George Peck to Engine N° 7 vice William Dean removed

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treas[r] to pay.

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| issued | M[r] George Janeway the Sum of £100 on Acc[t] towards Repairs to the City Hall | |
| issued | And the further Sum of £30 towards the Well sinking in the Alms House Yard | |
| issued | George Gosman the Sum of £100 on Acc[t] towards the Drain at Burlings Slip. | |
| issued | John Stagg the Sum of £80 on Acc[t] towards the Pavement in front of the Alms House &c | |
| issued | Jameson Cox for subsisting criminal Prisoners in Goal for the Months of August September & October last.. | £59: 4: 8 |
| issued | William Sloo for the several Constables & Marshalls who conveyed Vagrants to Bridewell from 1[st] Aug[t] to 1[st] Nov[r] Inst..... | £24:15:— |
| issued to Ald[n] Van Zandt | William Beekman for Repairs to the Albany Pier... | £6: 7: 4 |
| issued | Ab[m] Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from 26[th] Sept[r] to 26[th] Oct[r]..... | £33:14: 8 |
| issued | Dunlap & Van Nostrandt for Repairs to the public Pumps ..... | £14: 7: 1 |
| issued | William Smith for the like..... | £7:12:— |
| issued | John Stagg for paving..... | £67: 6: 4 |

The follow[g] Persons for their Services as Clerks at the late Election of Charter Officers viz[t]

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| issued | Jacob Clinch ..... | £0:16:— |
| | Peter Van Zandt..... | 0:16:— |
| | David R Bogert..... | 0:16:— |
| | James Hounam ..... | 0:16:— |
| | Jerem[h] Marshall ..... | 0:16:— |

[48] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 16th day of Novr 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Nicholas Bayard | | George Janeway | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | William J Elsworth | |
| Daniel McCormick | | Stephen McCrea | |
| John Wylley | | Garret Harsen | |

The Committee appointed to confer with the Consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in this City reported the following Extract from the Minutes of the said Consistory on the Subject Viz[t] " Consistory held Novr 15th 1790—The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee from the Corporation of the City respecting the removal of the Fence of the New Church Yard and making Nassau Street in that place wider reported that five feet might be given to the Street upon Condition that the Corporation of the City will be at the Expence of removing the Fence and of the additional Expence And that the whole of the Ground thus given to the Street shall be added as a flatt Pavement for foot Passengers And further that the Church shall have the Privilege of making Vaults under the [49] said foot Way. The Consistory after deliberation approve of the Report of their Committee and resolved that the same may be immediately executed if the Corporation of the City accept of the Ground upon these Conditions. A true Copy of the Minutes of Consistory.

J: H: Livingston P. T: Pres."

On the Question to agree to the said Proposal it was carried in the Affirmative by all the Members present (except Aldn McCormick) provided the Walk be nine feet wide in the whole & no more

Ordered that the Committee on Repairs to the Goal take order for the removal of the said Fence accordingly.

Ordered that the Corporation Wharfinger take order for the removal of the Hulk from the White Hall Slip.

Mr Mayor laid before the Board an Estimate of the probable Amount of the Fees arising from the Markets and Tavern Licences from the 1st day of January last to the 1st day of January next from which it appears that the Allowance made him by the Board on the 30th Decr last of Six hundred Pounds per Annum arose from a miscalculation of the Fees of the former Mayor And thereupon it was

resolved that instead of the said £600 per Annum the Sum of Seven hundred Pounds per Annum be allowed the Mayor for his own Use out of the Fees arising from the Markets & Tavern Licences and that he pay the Residue of the Monies arising from the above particulars into the Treasury and [50] that he retain to his own Use the Monies arising from Licences to Marshalls Cartmen, & Butchers

Ordered that the Street Committee report a Survey of Gold Street And also that they view the lower Fly Market & report whether an additional Stall can consistent with the public convenience be placed there

Ordered that Aldn Wylley be added to the Lamp Committee.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Rinier Skaats the Sum of Ten pounds 4/ for 1 Qr Services as Door Keeper & Messenger to the 15th Inst.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Saturday the 20th day of Novr 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Daniel McCormick | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Nicholas Bayard | | Wm J Elsworth | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | George Janeway | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen | |
| John Wylley | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Theophs Beekman | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Jeremh Wool | | | |

The following Report was read & agreed to vizt "The Street Committee having caused a Survey to be made of Gold Street from Maiden Lane to Golden Hill Street Recommend the following [51] Regulation agreable to the Survey herewith delivered. Beginning at the Kennel on the northeasterly side of Maiden Lane and ascending one & an half Inch on every 10 feet to the Distance of 187 feet and from thence ascending eight Inches & an half on every 10 feet to the Distance of 246 feet."

The Survey of the said Street was approved of by the Board And an Ordinance for the paving of the said Street was passed.

The Board having determined that there should be an additional Stall in the lower Fly Market And Petitions of several Butchers for the privilege of a Stall in the said Market being read it was moved that Wm Meserve should be permitted to abandon his present Stall in the upper end of the said Market & occupy the said additional Stall in the

lower Market And on the Question on the said Motion it passed in the Affirmative as as follows vizt

| for the Affirmative | for the Negtive |
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| Aldn Beekman. | Mr Recorder |
| Aldn Bayard | Aldn Stoutenbgh |
| Aldn Wylley | Aldn Van Zandt |
| Aldn Wool | Mr Pintard |
| Mr Harsen | Mr Van Zandt |
| Mr Elsworth | |
| Mr McCrea | |
| Mr Janeway | |

[52] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | David Waldron on Acct for repairs the public Roads.... | £50:—:— |
| issued | Dunlap & Van Nostrandt for repairs to the public Pumps ..... | £11: 5: 8 |
| issued | Childs & Swaine for printg..... | £19:—:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 26th day of Novr 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Theophs Beekman<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard<br>George Janeway<br>Wm J Elsworth<br>Garret Harsen<br>John Van Dyk<br>Stephen McCrea | Assists |

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Gold Street was read & ratified by the Board And Robert Johnston was appointed to receive the Monies in the said Assessment mentioned & John Stagg & George Gosman were appointed to superintend the paving of the sd Street

Ordered that Aldn Beekman & Messrs Janeway & McCrea view the Stoop at Mr Osgoods in Cherry Street which is represented to be an encroachmt on the Street And that Aldn Stoutenburgh & Messrs Pintard & Harsen be a Committee to apply to the Govrs of the Hospital for the use of that Building as an Alms House.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to pay Henry Shute the Sum of £30 on Acct towards the public Roads

[53] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Saturday the 11th Day of Decr 1790

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistants |
| Theophs Beekman | | Garret Harsen | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | William J Elsworth | |
| John Wylley | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Stephen McCrea | |

An Estimate & Assessment for the Expences of the Drain or Common Sewer at Burlings Slip was read & ratified by the Board And Robert Johnston was appointed to receive the Monies in the said Assessment mentioned.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to pay George Gosman the Sum of £64:19:6 which with the Sum of £100 heretofore advanced him amounts to the Corporations proportion, as assessed, for the erection of the said Drain or Comn Sewer

issued

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants in the neighborhood of the Fly Market prays that a portion of the said Market adjoining Queen Street may be set apart for Country People was read & rejected.

A Petition of Isaac Varian to hire the triangular Piece of Ground at the junction of the Post and Bloomingdale [54] Roads was read And thereupon it was ordered that the Treasurer let out the said Piece of Ground from Year to Year for the best Rent he can obtain for the same

The Board took into consideration the Accts of the Assessors for their Services in executing the Law for taking a Census of the Electors and Inhabitants in this State Whereupon it was determined that those of the Harlem Division of the Out Ward be allowed at the rate of fourteen Shillings for every 100 Inhabitants—those of the Bowery Division at the rate of twelve Shillings And those of the other six Wards at the rate of ten Shillings.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to pay the Aldn & Assessors of the respective Wards the follows Sums for the above Service vizt

issued

| | No of Inhabits | |
|---|---|---|
| Of the South Ward | 1756 | £8:15:— |
| of the Dock Ward | 1854 | 9: 5:— |
| of the East Ward | 3622 | 18: 2:— |
| of the West Ward | 6054 | 30: 5:— |

| | Nº of Inhabitts | |
|---|---|---|
| of the North Ward | 4596 | £23:—:— |
| of Montgomerie Ward | 6702 | 33:10:— |
| of the Bowery Division | 4819 | 28:18: 6 |
| of the Haerlem Division | 503 | 3:10:— |
| | 29906 | £155: 5: 6 |

Ordered that the following Persons be appointed fire Men of this City vizt

John Lent to Engine Nº 13 vice Victor Bicker resigned
Charles Anderson to Engine Nº 10 vice John Somerindyk decd
Joseph Newton to Engine Nº 16 vice Walter Frazer resigned.
And Oliver Cromwell to Engine Nº 4 vice William Hunt removed.

[55] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | Simon Kierstead for repairs to the public Pumps in the West Ward | £53:18:— |
| issued | James Kip for a brass Chamber in the Alms House Pump | 3:—:— |
| issued | Aldn Van Zandt for the Expences of the Road Committee | 3: 2: 6 |
| issued | Widow Shaffer for sweeping Chimnies at the Goal | 1: 3: 9 |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from 26th Octr to 26th Novr | 33: 6: 8 |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 24th Decr 1790.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Daniel McCormick<br>Nicholas Bayard<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard<br>Gerrit Harsen<br>William J Elsworth<br>George Janeway<br>John Van Dyk<br>Stephen McCrea | Assists |

Ordered that the Treasurer of this Corporation be directed to pay into the State Treasury the Arrears of this City & County on the State Tax.

Ordered that the usual advanced pay to the Watchmen commence on the 15th Inst and continue until the 15th March next

[56] It appearing to the Board that from the diligence of James Culbertson & Rinier Skaats Collectors of the Market Fees considerably more Monies have been collected than usual. Therefore ordered

that Mr Culbertson be allowed £20 & Mr Skaats £7 in addition to their usual Allowance to the 1st Jany next And that from that day they be allowed a Commission of 10PCt on the Monies by them respectively collected.

Ordered that the standing Committee of Accts audit & report on the Mayors Accts

The Committee appointed on the 26th Ulto reported that they had applied to the Governors of the Hospital for the use of that Building as an Alms House And that Mr Roosevelt their President had transmitted to the Committee the Determination of the Governors on the Subject which he presented to the Board and the same was read & ordered to be entered on the Minutes & is in the Words following vizt

"At a Meeting of the Governors of the Hospital held at the Coffee House on Monday the 13th day of December 1790 A Letter from Isaac Stoutenburgh Chairman of a Committee appointed by the Corporation of the City of New York to meet and confer with the Governors of the Hospital on the Subject of obtaining that Building for the Use of the Alms House inclosing a Copy of their appointment was read [57] Resolved that the said Committee be admitted to an interview and that the Board hear their propositions on the Subject. The Committee were admitted and the Chairman proposed that the Governors should permit the Hospital to be occupied for the use of the Alms House The Board taking into consideration the said Proposition Resolved that the President be directed to inform the Chairman of the said Committee that the Board do not think themselves authorized to comply with their Request by allowing the Hospital to be appropriated to Purposes foreign to the object of their Charter."

Extract from the Minutes

Jno Keese Secretary"

The following Report was presented by Aldn McCormick and read & agreed to by the Board vizt

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the Petition of Peter P Van Zandt presented to this Board on the 12th Novr last respecting a parcel of building Stone that formed a Breast Work at Burlings Slip which the Petitioner sets forth belonged to him and were taken at different times to the use of the public particularly for making a Drain at the said Slip formerly and that the same Stone have been lately used in making the New Drain there. Your Committee are informed that a Breast Work of Stone was at the [58] Slip and they believed it was made by Mr Van Zandt but they can find no Person to

give any certain Account by whom or to what use this Breast Work was converted But they think it highly probable that a part if not the whole may have been used in the old Drain And upon enquiry of Mr Gosman who built the new Drain he estimates the Stone found in the old one at thirty five Pounds—Your Committee therefore submit to the Board whether it would not be proper to allow Mr Van Zandt that Sum in full for any Claims on the Public for the said Stone.

Decr 24th 1790

Daniel McCormick
John Pintard.
Garret Harsen.

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Peter P Van Zandt the Sum of £35 accordingly deducting therefrom the Monies which this Board have paid for paving the Streets in front of his Property.

The Treasurer reported the amount of the Rent which had been received for the Triangular Piece of Ground near the three Mile Stone to be £54:8:6 Whereupon it was Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Wt on the Treasurer to pay Hannah Baker the Sum of

issued £54:8:6 and that she be released of the Sum of £8:10 due from her for Rent of a Lot of Ground in Colden Street in full compensation for the Improvements made on the said Piece of Ground by her late Husband.

[59] Ordered that the Street Committee contract for 1200 two Inch Pitch Pine Plank for a Common Sewer in Broad Street

Ordered that the drawing of the City Lottery be postponed until the first Monday in April next

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off Miss Elizth Crooke's Bond.

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasury to pay Mr Janeway on Acct £200 towards Repairs to the City Hall

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| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen 7 Nights between the 6th & 20th Inst..... | £41:11:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the like..... | £41:11:— |
| issued | Elias Burger Junr for Repairs to the Bulkhead at Burlings Slip ..... | £8:14:— |
| issued | Andrew Thompson for paving in Barclay Street..... | £4: 1: 9 |
| issued | Aldn Stoutenburgh on Acct towards a Bulkhead in Vesey Slip ..... | £25:—:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 31st day of Decr 1790.

Present/ Mr Mayor & all the Members except Aldn Bayard & Mr Van Zandt

A Law or Ordinance for levelling the Snow in the several Streets of this City was passed by the Board & ordered to be published.

Resolved that Wm W Gilbert Esqr Commissr of Excise be allowed a Commission of five P Ct for receiving & paying into the Treasury the Monies arising on Tavern Licences.

[60] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 3d Jany 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Daniel McCormick | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Garret Harsen | |
| Nicholas Bayard | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | William J Elsworth | |
| John Wylley | | John Van Dyk | |
| Theophs Beekman | | | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | | |

Ordered that the Commissrs of the Alms House & Bridewell be directed to distribute of the Wood provided for the Alms House a quantity not exceeding 30 Cord for the relief of the indigent & distressed families in this City and that such distribution be made by the Commissrs or any one of them with the advice of the Aldn of the Wd in which the family shall reside provided that the quantity to be distributed in the South Wd do not exceed 3 Cord—in the Dock Wd 2 Cord—in the East Wd 2 Cord—in the West Wd 6 Cord—in the North Wd 5 Cord in Montg Wd 6 Cord & in the Out Wd 6 Cd And further that the Commissioners report to the Bd at the next Meeting the excess of Wood which will remain after allowing [61] the necessary quantity for the Alms House & Bridewell until the first of March next

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen 7 Nights..... £47:19:—

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 17th Janʸ 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqʳ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqʳ Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theophˢ Beekman
Daniel McCormick
Nicholas Bayard
John Wylley
Jeremiah Wool
Wynant Van Zandt
} Esqʳˢ Aldⁿ

John Pintard
Stephen McCrea
Garret Harsen
John Van Dyk
} Assistᵗˢ

A Petition of Ann Jacobson Eˣ of Christian Jacobson decᵈ relative to a Lot of Ground of David Cargill decᵈ in Greenwich Street; was read & referred to the Aldⁿ & Assistᵗ of the West Ward & the Assistᵗ of the South Ward.

A Letter from the Governors of the Hospital offering one or two Wards in the Hospital for the Reception of such of the Sick in the Alms House as the [62] Corporation may think proper to send & support there was read.

Resolved that Mʳ Mayor be requested to inform the Governors of the Hospital that this Board decline accepting of their Offer as it would tend to encrease the Expences of the Alms House.

The Treasurer presented to the Bᵈ an Estimate of Monies necessary for defraying the public Expences of this City & County the present Year amounting to £11683: 12/ which was approved by the Board. Whereupon a Petition to the Legislature to enable the Mayor Recorder & Aldⁿ to raise the Sum of £12000: for the ordinary contingᵗ Expences of this City & County and the further Sum of £4000 for compleating the Wharf & the other Improvements at the Battery and about the Govᵗ House; was read & approved by the Bᵈ

Ordered that the Common Seal of this City be affixed thereto & that Mʳ Mayor subscribe & deliver the same to the Representatives of this City & County in the Legislature.

Resolved that the Members from this City in the Legislature be informed that it is the Wish of this Board that the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen be invested with the Power in future of raising annually such Sums of Money as they may conceive necessary not exceeding £12000 for the support [63] of the Poor & the other contingent Expences of this City & County and thereby prevent the necessity of annual Applications. Ordered that Mʳ Mayor be requested to communicate this Resolⁿ

On Motion of Mr Pintard.

Resolved that the Freedom of this City be presented to the honble Horatio Gates Esqr late Major General in the Army of the United States of America

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the East Ward prepare the Draft of a Certificate for that purpose.

Ordered that the Managers of the City Lottery report the State thereof at the next Meeting of the Board

Ordered that the Street Committee enquire into the Property of the Soil from high to low Water between Bernardus Swartwouts Wharf & John Leakes* & report the same to the Board

Resolved that an Application be made to the Legislature to vest this Board with Power to regulate the Hackney Coaches and to lay a Tax on Wheel Carriages & Horses within this City and that the Monies arising therefrom be appropriated towards the Repairing of the Roads & Streets in this City

Ordered that the Clerk prepare a Petition to the Legislature accordingly, that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Bd

[64] The following Report was read and approved by the Board vizt

The Committee of accounts to whom it was referred to liquidate and settle the account of Richard Varick Esquire the present Mayor, of monies received and expended and for which by a composition with the board, he is to account Report that they have compared the account of the said Mayor with the Original vouchers of receipts and expenditures and they find that the Mayor hath received for market Fees collected by Rinier Skaats in the Oswego and exchange Markets, from the 15th of October to the 31st of December 1789 inclusive the sum of £44:9:5 and for Market fees collected by Abraham Van Gelder in the Fly, Peck Slip and Catharine Slip Markets within the same Periods, the sum of £74:7:5½ and for 4 Tavern Licences issued within the same periods, at thirty shillings each the sum of Six pounds; and that he hath paid to Robert Benson Esquire Clerk of this Board the sum of One pound four shillings which left a ballance in the Hands of the Mayor as of the 31st Decr 1789 of £123:12:10½ instead of £124:4:10½ as reported to the Board on the Liquidation of that account on the fifteenth Day of January last That the Mayor has received from Rinier Skaats for Market fees collected by him in the Oswego and Exchange Markets from the first Day of January to

* Marginal note reads *Hudson river*.—ED.

the 31st Day of December [65] last, the Sum of £264:2:11. from Abraham Van Gelder for Market fees collected in the Fly, Peck Slip, and Catharine Slip, Markets from the first day of January to the 3d Day of April last inclusive, the Sum of £104:12:3 and from James Culbertson for Market fees collected by him in the same Markets from the fifth day of April to the 31st Day of December last inclusive the Sum of £728:19:11. All which, exclusive of a Compensation allowed by him to the said Abraham Van Gelder and James Culbertson, at the rate of Sixty pounds per Annum and to the said Rinier Skaats at the Rate of twenty five pounds per Annum for their services in collecting the Fees and of £20 extra, allowed to the said James Culbertson and £7. to the said Rinier Skaats, as Benevolencies from the Board for their faithful, Services, amount to £1097:15:1

That the Mayor hath received thro William W. Gilbert Esquire the Commissioner of Excise (who received the same for him, with the excise) for 410 Tavern Licences at 38/ each, between the first Day of January and the 31st Day of December last the Sum of £779—That on that sum he hath allowed to Mr Gilbert a Commission of five per Cent for receiving and paying the same, to wit on £287 thereof, which on the former establishment would have been payable to the Mayor on £123 —which was payable to the Clerk and on £369 payable [66] to the Corporation and which he has been directed to allow. That the Mayor has paid to Robert Benson Esquire the sum of £116:17 for 410 Tavern Licences at 6/ each, deducting five per Cent allowed to Mr Gilbert as aforesd That he has also paid to Hugh Gaine for printing 400 Tavern Licences and 400 Recognizances for the year of 1790 the sum of £5:4:— and the like Sum of £5:4 to Mr Gaine for the like number of Licences and Recognizances for the year 1791, making in the whole the sum of £166:4 which left a ballance, on Account of Tavern Licences, to be accounted for by the Mayor, of £612:16

And that the Mayor has received of Robert Benson Esquire for 6 Certificates to Freeman issued between the first day of January and the 31st Day of December last the Sum of two pounds eight shillings which net Sums received for market Fees Tavern Licences and Freemans Certificates amount in the whole to £1712:19:1

And the Committee further report that the Mayor has paid to Danel Phœnix City Treasurer, in the whole the sum of £460:11:1 on Account of Market Fees: £550 on account of Tavern Licences and two pounds eight shillings [67] for Freemans Certificates. amounting in the whole to £1012:19:1. And that he has retained in his own hands the Sum of seven hundred pounds (which by agreement with

the Board he was to receive as a Composition for his Share of all the Fees aforesaid) All which will appear by the Mayor's Acco$^{t}$ subscribed by him and this Committee, to this Report annexed.

New York Jan$^{y}$ 10$^{th}$ 1791

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Daniel M$^{c}$Cormick } Committee
John Pintard

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his warr$^{ts}$ on the Treas$^{r}$ to pay.

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| issued | John Stagg on Acc$^{t}$ towards the Walks in front of the Alms H$^{s}$ Goal & Bridewell..... | £25:—:— |
| issued | Casimir T. Goerck for Surveying..... | £36:16:— |
| issued | Daniel Burger for Repairs to Pumps..... | £18:18: 9½ |
| issued | Gerard$^{s}$ Burger for Iron Work to D$^{o}$..... | 1:14: 3 |
| issued | Alex$^{r}$ Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen..... | £47:19:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for the like..... | £47:19:— |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey public Whipper 1 Q$^{r}$ due the 27$^{th}$ Ult$^{o}$ | £8:15:— |

[68] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 21$^{st}$ day of January 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Daniel M$^{c}$Cormick
Jerem$^{h}$ Wool
John Wylley
Theop$^{s}$ Beekman
Nich$^{s}$ Bayard } Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

John Pintard
George Janeway
Garret Harsen
Wm J Elsworth
Stephen M$^{c}$Crea } Assist$^{ts}$

A Petition of W$^{m}$ S Livingston praying Compensation for his Negro Boy Slave who was slain while attending his said Master who was engaged in defending & protecting the Goal of this City against a number of *riotous Persons was read & the consideration thereof was postponed.

A Letter from Peter P. Van Zandt to M$^{r}$ Mayor on the Subject of the Allowance made him for Stone used in the Drain at Burling Slip was read & referred to the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist$^{t}$ of the East Ward.

M$^{r}$ Mayor laid before the Board the Copy of a Petition from some of the Inhabitants of this City to the Legislature praying that the Wards in this City might be equalized: the said Petition having been read in the House of Assembly and referred to the City Members and by them referred to [69] this Board for their Opinion thereon which said Copy of a Petition was read

* Marginal note reads *Doctors Riot.*—Ed.

When Mr Recorder moved for the Sense of the Board "Whether it is or is not necessary & proper that the Wards should be equalized"

Aldn Wool then moved "that the consideration of the Question be postponed until the next Meeting of the Board and that all the Members be notified thereof & to attend."

The Question being put on Aldn Wools Mction it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question was put on Mr Recorders Motion & it passed in the Affirmative as follows vizt

| for the Affirmative | for the Negative |
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| Mr Recorder | Aldn Beekman |
| Aldn McCormick | Aldn Wool |
| Aldn Stoutenburgh | Aldn Wylley |
| Aldn Bayard | Mr Harsen |
| Mr Pintard | Mr Janeway |
| Mr McCrea | |
| Mr Elsworth | |

Resolved that it is necessary & proper that the Wards be equalized.

Ordered that Aldn Stoutenburgh Aldn Van Zandt Aldn Beekman, Aldn McCormick & Aldn Wylley & Messrs McCrea be a Committee to meet & confer with the said Committee of the Assembly on the Mode of equalizing the same

Ordered that a Copy of the preceeding Resolution subscribed by Mr Mayor & sealed with the Seal of this Corporation be delivered to the Committee as expres- [70] sive of the Sense of this Corporation on the Subject aforesaid.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Alexr Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen to the 17th Inst..... | £47:19:— |
| issued | Abraham Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from 26th Novr to the 26th Decr last..... | £33:16:— |
| issued | James Hill for Repairs to the public Lamps..... | £52:—:— |
| issued | The same for glazing Work at the Bridewell..... | £1: 6:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 7th day of february 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | George Janeway | Assistants |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Wm J Elsworth | |
| John Wylley | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Theophs Beekman | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Nichs Bayard | | John Van Dyk | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen | |

Ordered that Aldn Stoutenburgh & Messrs Janeway & Elsworth be a Committee to examine & audit the Accts of the Commissrs of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter.

Mr Mayor with the Board then proceeded to visit the several Wards of the two Houses; and being returned The Committee reported that they had [71] *had* examined & audited the said Accts & found them just & right vizt

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| The Alms House amounts to | £1602: 2: 3 |
| The Bridewell | 246: 4: 9½ |
| | £1848: 7: 0½ |

An Estimate of the Commissrs for the ensuing Quarter was read & approved by the Board vizt

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| For the Alms House | £1300:—:— |
| For the Bridewell | 200:—:— |
| | £1500:—:— |

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| issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay to the Commissrs the said Sums accordingly. | |
| issued | Also to pay James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen for 7 Nights to the 31st Ulto | £47:19:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the like to the 1st Inst | 47:19:— |
| issued | Wm Sloo for the Constables & Marshals conveys Vagrants to Bridewell | 16: 7: 6 |
| issued | Henry Shute on Acct towards Roads | 25:—:— |

Mr Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from Robt C Livingston Esqr Foreman of the Grand Jurors for this City & County in Jany Term last, requesting him to communicate the same to this Board, setting forth "that they had enquired into the Circumstances attending the late riotous Attack of a Mob consisting of upwards of thirty foreign Sailors, armed with Bludgeons, on the City Watch," And expressing their Commendation of the Vigilance and Firmness of

Cap[t] Culbertson and the [72] eight other Watchmen his Assistants on the occasion who, though scarcely one fourth the number of the armed Mob, not only faced them with Intrepidity but gallantly conducted six of the Rioters to confinement & put the rest to flight."

Resolved & ordered that no Person be removed, unless at their own Request, from the Alms House to the Hospital without an Order for the purpose from this Board.

The two follow[g] Persons were appointed Fire Men of this City viz[t] William Sim to Engine N[o] 13 vice Jn[o] Smith rendered incapable of serving by unfortunately breaking his Leg. George Peck to Engine N[o] 4 vice Albert Anderson resigned.

[73] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 25[th] day of february 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | Garrit Harsen | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | William J Elsworth | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | George Janeway | Assist[ts] |
| Theophilus Beekman | | John Pintard | |
| Daniel M[c]Cormick | | Stephen M[c]Crea | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | John Van Dyk | |

The following Report was read & agreed to And it was ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that M[r] Mayor subscribe the same to be by him presented to the Legislature viz[t]

" To the honorable the Legislature of the State of New York.

The Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York beg leave to report That in pursuance of the Statute entitled " An Act to enable the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to raise by Lottery the Sum of thirteen thousand Pounds for the purposes therein mentioned " the Common Council of the said City did on the fourth day of March last set on [74] foot a Lottery for the purpose of raising the Sum of £7500 part of the said Sum of £13000 on the following Scheme viz[t]

(see the Scheme Com[n] Council Minutes)

The Common Council did appoint Mess[rs] Isaac Stoutenburgh, Peter T Curtenius, John Pintard & Abraham Herring to sell the Tickets and manage & Conduct the Lottery under them. That the drawing of the

said Lottery commenced on the fifth day of August and ended on the fourth day of September last That the aforesaid gross Sum of £7500 was raised thereby and that the Sum of £6843:6:3 thereof hath been applied towards the discharge of the Debt of £13000 mentioned in the said Statute and the residue to discharge the incidental Expences attending the management of the said Lottery That in order as well to discharge the residue of the said Debt of £13000 and the Interest accrued thereon as the Expences aforesaid & the Charges of a further Lottery the said Common Council did on the twenty seventh day of August last set on foot another Lottery on the following Scheme viz[t] (see the Scheme Com: Coun: Min.) That the Common Council did again appoint Mess[rs] Stoutenburgh Curtenius Pintard & Herring to sell the Tickets and manage and conduct the Lottery under them and that the drawing of the said Lottery was appointed to commence on the first Monday in January last That on the twenty fourth day of Dec[r] last, it being suggested to the Common Council [75] by the Managers that a great number of Tickets remained in their hands unsold and from the early commencement of Winter it was not probable that the whole of the Tickets would be disposed of until sometime in the ensuing Spring, the drawing of the said Lottery was postponed until the first Monday in April next"

On the application of John Cochran Esq[r] Commissioner of Loans in this State for the United States Ordered that the Watchman stationed in Nassau Street near Bishop Provoosts be removed to the Broadway & so stationed as to guard the public Office of the said Commiss[r]

Ordered that James Van Dyk be appointed a fire Man of this City to Engine N° 15.

On reading a Petition of Lidia Wentworth the Wife of W[m] Wentworth Ordered that she & her four Children be received in the Alms House.

A Petition of John Richardson praying an appointment to some Office for his support was read & ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of Pœter Van Bueren formerly Physician to the Alms House praying to be reappointed to that Office was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

Ordered that the Treasurer let out the Island called Bedlows Island on the best Terms he can saving the Privilege of the use of it as a Pest Island

[76] The Committee for the purpose appointed reported the Draft

of a Certificate to Gen[l] Gates on his admission to the Freedom of this City which was read & approved of by the Board in the Words follow[g]

"City of New York } ss. By Richard Varick Esquire Mayor & the Recorder Aldermen and Assistants of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come or may concern Greeting Know ye that we being mindful of the distinguished Merit of the hon[ble] Horatio Gates Esq[r] late a Major General in the Armies of the United States of America Have received and admitted and by these Presents Do receive and admit the said Horatio Gates to be a Free-Man of the said City of New York within the limits of which he hath lately chosen his Residence To hold exercise & enjoy all the Privileges Advantages and Immunities to the Freedom of the said City incident and appertaining: As a public Mark of the Sense we entertain of his Services, of our Esteem for him personally and of the Interest we take in his Happiness.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the public Seal of the said City to be hereunto affixed Witness Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor of the said City the 25[th] day of february in the Year of our Lord 1791 & of the Independence of the United States the fifteenth."

[77] Ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that M[r] Mayor be pleased to subscribe & present the same in such manner as he shall judge most respectful & proper.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Rinier Skaats for his Services as Door Keeper & Messenger & for Disbursements 8/ 1 Q[r] due the 15[th] Inst | £10: 8:– |
| issued | Jameson Cox for subsisting criminal Prisoners in Goal in the Months of Nov[r] Dec[r] & Jan[y] last..... | £42: 11: 2 |
| issued | Simon Kiersted for Repairs to public Pumps..... | £28: 3: 7 |
| issued | D[r] John F Vacher for Medicenes & Attendance on sick criminal Prisoners in Goal in the Years 1788—1789 & 1790 ..... | £51:–:– |
| issued | John Graham for Repairs to public Lamps..... | £22: 5: 6 |
| issued | Ephraim Brasher late Coroner for Inquisitions on dead bodies ..... | £39: 18:– |
| issued | Widow Shaffer for sweeping Chimnies in Goal..... | £1: 5:– |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen | £47: 19:– |
| | Alex[r] Lamb for the like..... | £47: 19:– |

The Committee on the Letter from Peter P. Van Zandt, on the Subject of deducting out of the Monies allowed him on the 24[th] Dec[r] last for Stone at Burlings Slip, reported a State of Facts on the Subject which were read & filed And then Ald[n] Wylley [78] moved that such

part of the Order of the 24th Decr last for paying Mr Van Zandt for the said Stone, as directs the Treasurer to deduct thereout such Sums as the Corporation have paid for paving in front of Mr Van Zandts Property. which Motion was carried in the Negative.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 11th day of March 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Isaac Stoutenburgh, John Wylley, Nicholas Bayard, Wynant Van Zandt, Theophilus Beekman, Daniel McCormick

Assistts: Garret Harsen, William J Elsworth, George Janeway, Wynant Van Zandt, John Pintard

On reading a Letter from the Treasurer on the Subject of Bedlows Island, the Powder Magazine & the Elizabeth Town Ferry.

Ordered that Aldn Van Zandt & Messrs Janeway & Van Dyk be a Committee to enquire ino the State of the Buildings on the said Island & to report the Terms on which the same ought to be let. And ordered that the Treasurer let out the Magazine & the Elizabeth Town Ferry on the best Terms he can.

[79] Ordered that the Street Committee enquire into & report on the State and Circumstances of the Water Lots at the White Hall.

A Petition of Robert Boyd Esqr relative to his Lot of Ground was read & referred to the Aldn & Assistt of the West Ward & Aldn Van Zandt

Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of Montgs Ward cause to be repaired the Bridge at Pecks Slip Wharf & the Well in Ann Street And that the Aldn & Assist of the West Ward do the like with the Bridge at the Corporation Wharf

Ordered that Thomas Tom (elected at the last Election an Assessor for Montgs Ward) be notified to attend & take the Oaths required by Law.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance to permit the Cartmen to use Ironshod Wheels.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

The Street Committee beg leave to report That they have caused the several Streets leading from the Broadway to Greenwich Street, (and which have not heretofore been regulated & surveyed) to be sur-

veyed and which Surveys accompany this Report and also the Survey of Gold Street agreable to the Order of
and Lombard & Temple Streets and recommend the following Regulations for each of the said Streets viz[t]

[80] Rector Street. to begin at the Kennel on the West side of the Broadway & to descend six Inches & $1\frac{1}{100}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to Greenwich Street

Thames Street to begin at the Kennel on the west side of the Broadway & to descend five Inches & $5\frac{6}{100}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to Greenwich Street

Little Queen Street to begin at the Kennel on the West side of the Broadway and to descend four Inches & $9\frac{7}{100}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to Greenwich Street

Lumber
Lombard Street & Oyster Pasty Lane. Beginning at the Kennel on the West side of the Broadway and descending along the said Oyster Pasty Lane two Inches & $2\frac{6}{100}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to Lumber Lombard Street. Then along Lumber Lombard Street three Inches & $\frac{2}{10}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to the intersection of Rector Street. Then ascending one Inch & an half on every ten feet to the distance of 282 feet and from thence descending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to Thames Street & from thence ascending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 63 feet & from thence descending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to Little Queen Street and from thence ascending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 121 feet & from thence descending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to Crown Street.

[81] Temple Street Beginning on the northerly side of Thames Street and ascending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 47 feet and from thence descending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to Little Queen Street. From thence ascending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 114 feet and from thence descending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to Crown Street

Crown Street. Beginning at the Kennel on the westerly side of the Broadway and descending four Inches & $1\frac{7}{100}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to Greenwich Street.

Warren Street Beginning at the Kennel on the westerly side of the Broadway or Great George Street and descending two Inches & $2\frac{4}{100}$ parts of an Inch on every ten feet to Greenwich Street.

Chambers Street. Beginning at the Kennel on the westerly side of

the Broadway & descending one Inch & 9/10 parts of an Inch on every ten feet to Greenwich Street.

Barley Street. To begin at the Kennel on the westerly side of the Broadway or Great George Street, which will be raised seven feet seven Inches at the Intersection of Barley Street, and to descend one Inch & a quarter of an Inch on every ten feet to Greenwich Street

[82] Gold Street. Beginning at the Southerly side of Golden Hill Street and descending ten Inches and an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 190 feet and from thence descending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to Maiden Lane.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theo$^{s}$ Beekman
Will$^{m}$ J Elsworth } Com$^{tee}$
John Van Dyk
Stephen M$^{c}$Crea
John Pintard

The Surveys of the several Streets mentioned in the aforegoing Report were examined & approved by the Board & filed.

It appearing to the Board that the quantity of Bills issued by order of this Board and put in circulation as a substitute for small Change is unequal to the purpose intended Resolved that a further Sum to the amount of £1000—in Notes of like denomination with the former be printed and that the Committee who superintended and directed the printing of the former take order with respect to these Notes accordingly

Ordered M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay.

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| [83] issued | Francis Child as Clerk of the late Election of Charter Officers in N$^{o}$ Ward | £0:16:— |
| issued | John M$^{c}$Comb for paving Work | £5: 5: 6 |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen | £47:19:— |
| issued | Alex$^{r}$ Lamb for the like | £47:19:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for one Y$^{rs}$ allowance as Superintend$^{t}$ of the Streets & for some small Disbursments | £25:13: 6 |
| issued | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from Dec$^{r}$ 26$^{th}$ to 26$^{th}$ feb$^{y}$ | £67:13: 4 |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 29th March 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Jeremiah Wool
John Wylley
Nicholas Bayard
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theophs Beekman
Daniel McCormick
Wynant Van Zandt
} Esqrs Aldn

John Pintard
Tobias Van Zandt
Wm J Elsworth
Garret Harsen
George Janeway
John Van Dyk
} Assists

John Pintard Merchr Joseph Mallenbrey Surgeon William Collet Coachmaker admitted & sworn Free Men of this City.

[84] The Clerk reported to the Board that he had notified Thomas Tom to attend & take the Oaths of his Office as an Assessor of Montgomerie Ward to which he was duly elected at the last Election of Charter Officers in & for this City and that he refused to attend or take upon himself the execution of the said Office.

Thereupon Ordered that an Election be held on Thursday the 7th of April next of an Assessor in his stead.

A Petition of Peter Goelet for leave to erect a Stairs at the end of his Wharf at the Exchange Slip for the accommodation of Market Boats was read & the prayer thereof granted.

A Petition of William Bowne James Parsons Effingham Embree & Samuel Bowne was read setting forth that divers of the Inhabitants in the Neighborhood have subscribed to the amount of £400 towards the purchasing of a House & Lot of Ground of the Estate of Henry Brasher decd, which obstructs the continuation of Clifts Street into Elbow Street, with Intent to open the said Street—that the Sum of £15 is wanting to compleat the said purchase which Sum they pray the Corporation to contribute as also to provide for the Expence of removing the House & paving the Ground which is intended for a public Street

Ordered that on their producing & filing with the Clerk a Conveyance to this Corporation of the said Lot of Ground for the purpose afd Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay the [85] Sum of £15 towards the purchasing of the said House & Lot And Ordered that the Aldn & Assist of the Ward take order for the removing of the said House & for the paving & putting in order the said Street when the same shall be opened.

A Petition from several of the Butchers suggesting as a proper Regulation to prevent Nuisances that certain of them be appointed to inspect the Houses & places where Cattle are slaughtered was read.

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for the purpose.

Ordered that Mr Goerick City Surveyor make an actual Survey of the Water Lots between Beekman & Pecks Slips & report to the Board the Breadth on Water Street as also on the extent of 200 feet in the River to the End that it may be discovered whence the Deficiency in Mr Farmars Lot arises.

The Strect Committee made a Report on the Subject of placing the public Lamps.

Whereupon it was ordered that the following Regulation be observed & established on that subject vizt That the public Lamps in this City be placed in the Walks along the Edge of the Kennels in all the Streets where the Walks are in the Judgment of the Street Committee of sufficient Breadth [86] and in those Streets where the Walks are not of sufficient Breadth that the Lamps be fixed to the Houses to extend as far over the Walks as possible. And that the Lamps be placed at the Distance of 114 feet apart measuring from the one Lamp across the Street to the other

Ordered that Mr Wm J Elsworth be appointed to superintend and direct the placing of the public Lamps in this City accordingly

Ordered that Peter Bussing be appointed a Measurer of Lime to act for his father during his Indisposition

The Street Committee reported that in their Opinion the Bowling Green in front of the Govt House ought to be preserved and that it will be necessary the Fence should be raised in proportion to the Regulation of Broadway from the present finished Pavement to Whitehall Street & the Battery and that for this Purpose it may be necessary to advertize for Contracts to perform the same." which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Committee advertize for a Contract accordingly.

[87] The same Committee also reported That in their Opinion the *Slip on the northerly side of & adjoining the Pier of Bernardus Swartwout at the North River ought to be filled up to a proper Distance into the River.

That a Dock or Bulkhead ought to be erected to extend from Swartwouts to Leakes Pier parallel to Greenwich Street That in the Opinion of the Committee this Improvement will be both necessary and

* Marginal note reads *at Greenwich Street between Cedar & below Thames St*—ED.

Useful—Necessary because the Improvement of Greenwich Street cannot be completed without it, as the said Street intersects the Slip below high Waters Mark, And useful in affording a good Harbor & landing place for Bricks Lime & Hay; which report was agreed to by the Board

Ordered that the same Committee advertize for the erection of the said Bulkhead by Contract.

Ordered that the Inhabitants of Dey Street be permitted to make the Walks in that Street of the Breadth of nine feet

*Ordered that the Quit Rents reserved on the Soil under Water to be granted to Messrs Judah & Benson do not commence until the expiration of Ten Years.

Ordered that John Ashfield be appointed a fireman to Engine N° 12 vice Matthias Warner resigned.

[88] Ordered that the Treasurer pay off & discharge the Bond of this Corporation to Jacobs Quick.

The Managers of the City Lottery informed the Board that there remains unsold about 4000 Tickets—that they have received Proposals from some Persons to purchase the whole of the Tickets which shall remain unsold on the day assigned for the commencement of the drawing of the Lottery Provided this Board will further postpone the drawing thereof for one Month from that Day

Whereupon it was resolved by the Board that all the Tickets which shall remain unsold on the day assigned for the commencement of the drawing of the Lottery be sold to such Person as shall incline to purchase and take them from the Managers at the Price established by the Scheme and that the drawing of the Lottery shall be further postponed until the first Monday of May next

Ordered that the Managers advertize that no Tickets will be sold by them after the first Monday in April next And that by Reason of the absence from this State on public business of one of the Managers the drawing of the Lottery will be postponed until the first Monday in May next

[89] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen 14 Nights | £84:14:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb the like | 84:14:— |
| issued | Abraham Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from 26th febv to 26th March | £33:13: 4 |
| issued | John Goodeve for 1 Box Candles | £1:16: 8 |

* Marginal note reads *See P. 9. 38. 41 46.*—Ed.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 5th day of April 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Gerrit Harsen | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | John Van Dyk | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | William J Elsworth | |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |

The Board proceeded to elect Inspectors for the ensuing *Election & the following Persons were elected for the respective Wards vizt

| for the South Ward | for the Dock Ward |
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| Thomas Randall | Michael D Henry |
| Zacharias Sickels | Nicholas Hoffman |
| John Clark | Abraham Brinckerhoff |
| **[90] for the East Ward** | **for the West Ward** |
| Cary Ludlow | Jacob Morton |
| John Jones | Alexr Macombe |
| Alexr Robertson | Robert Harpur |
| **for the North Ward** | **for Montt Ward** |
| Robert Benson | William Malcom |
| Joseph Winter | Peter Byvanck |
| Frederick Stymets | Theops Brower |

For the Out Ward

Hezekiah Ivers — Richd Furman — Jacamiah Ackerly

Ordered that the Street Committee view the Corporation Ground at Brooklyn & report to the Board with respect to the Street leading to Mr Sands's Land.

Ordered that the lower Room in the So East Angle of the City Hall be assigned for the use of the Magistrates

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Aldn Van Zandt on Acct the Sum of £150 towards the planck provided for the intended Drain in Broad Street.

issued Ordered the like to pay John Walter for Repairs to the Ferry Buildings at Brooklyn & the Bridge at Pecks Slip ..... £20: 3: 9

issued Joseph Shelvey public Whipper one Qrs pay due 27th March last ..... £8:15:—

issued James Kip for a brass Chamber in the Pump in the Rear of the Alms House ..... £3:12:—

* Marginal note reads *for Legislature*.—Ed.

[91] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 23d day of April 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth | Assists |
| Theops Beekman | | John Pintard | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Wynant Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |

Be it ordained that the following Laws and Ordinances of this Corporation be and they are established to continue & remain in full force & virtue for one Year from this Day vizt

A Law for the due observation of the Lords day called Sunday.

A Law directing the uses of the Public Seals of this City.

A Law relative to the admission of Freemen.

A Law to regulate the Office of Chamberlain or Treasurer of this City.

A Law for the better preventing of Fire.

A Law for the better securing this City from the danger of Gun Powder.

A Law to appoint Surveyors for this City.

A Law to regulate the Public Markets within this City.

[92] A Law to regulate the Paving and keeping in Repair the Streets and for preventing Nuisances within this City.

A Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen in this City.

A Law to regulate the Sale of Bread.

A Law to regulate the landing and sale of Hay within this City.

A Law to regulate the sale of Fire Wood in this City.

A Law to regulate the Pay of Public Measurers within this City.

A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels in the Docks and Slips of this City and to ascertain the Rates of Wharfage.

A Law directing the mode of Recovery and appropriation of the Fines Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by Laws of the Corporation of this City.

A Law making a further Provision for preventing accidents by Fire.

A Law to prevent the running at large of Swine within this City.

A Law to regulate the ringing or tolling of the Bells of the several Churches in this City for funerals

Ordered that the Committee on the Improvements at the Battery proceed to direct the clearing away the Ground & Rubbish about the Government House and that Mr Tobias Van Zandt superintend the execution of this Business.

The Return of the Election held in Montgomerie Ward of an Assessor in the place of Thomas Tom, was presented to the Board from which it appears that Archibald Kerly was duly elected.

Ordered that he be notified to attend & take the Oaths by Law required.

[93] Ordered that an Election be held in the East Ward on Tuesday the 3d May next of a Collector in the Place of Robert Johnston deceased.

Ordered that George Gosman be appointed to receive the Monies assessed for the paving of Gold Street and John Harrison to receive the Monies assessed for the paving the Street at Burlings Slip in the place of Robt Johnston decd

A Petition for the new regulating & paving of George—Gold & Ferry Streets was read & referred to the Street Committee

And a Petition that the side Walks in the upper part of King George Street may be compleated was read & referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Cheesman for a new Lease of Lot No 108 the Corner of King George & Thomas Streets was read & referred to the Treasurer.

A Petition of Archibald Kerly that this Board will direct payment at the public Expence of paving so much of Cherry Street as fronts the fire Engine House erected on his Lot was read & granted & the Aldn & Assist of the Ward directed to report the amount

A Petition of John Graham praying that the Corporation would purchase from him a number of ready made Lamps, was read & referred to the Lamp Committee.

[94] A Petition of Daniel George Dunbar for a further Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River in front of his Lot on the East side of Burlings Slip; was read and referred to the Street Committee

An Estimate of Elias Burger to erect the intended Bulkhead across the *Slip at Thames Street for £280 & find the Materials was read & approved And the Street Committee were directed to make the Contract

A Petition of Cary Ludlow for a remission of Quit Rent on Acct

* Marginal note reads *Corporation Basin*.—Ed.

of his having given part of his Lot to widen front Street, was read & rejected

The following Report was read & ordered to be entered on the Minutes "Agreable to an order of the Corporation I have surveyed & examined the Water Grants along Front Street from Beekmans to Pecks Slip and found it as follows—from Beekmans Slip to the easterly side of Crane Wharf should be agreable to the Grants 225 feet 9 Inches and it measures 228 feet 9 Inches—from the easterly side of Crane Wharf to the Corporation Ground should be 313 feet and it measures only 310 feet 3 Inches

April 6th 1791 Casimir Th. Goerck
City Surveyor"

[95] Ordered that John Brown be appointed a fireman to Engine No 10 vice James McMaster removed.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to
issued advance Mr Wm J Elsworth the Sum of £50 on Acct towards the new placing of the public Lamps.

And to pay the follows Persons the follows Sums for their respective Accts

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| issued | Wm Minturn for Lamp Oil | £366:13: 4 |
| issued | James Barker for the like | 503: 2: 5 |
| issued | John Stagg for paving in front of the Alms Hs Goal & Bridewell | 63: 2:11 |
| issued | Andrew Thompson for paving in front of Corporation Lots in Chatham Street | 100:18: 6 |
| issued | To James Culbertson for himself & Company of City Watchmen | 36:15:– |
| issued | To Alexr Lamb for the like | 36:15:– |

Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance for paving Broad Street

[96] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 2d day of May 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Alds | John Van Dyk | Assists |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | George Janeway | |
| Theops Beekman | | Garret Harsen | |
| John Wylley | | John Pintard | |
| Daniel McCormick | | Stephen McCrea | |
| | | William J Elsworth | |

The Committee of Accts reported that they had examined & audited the Accts of the Commissrs of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter & found them right. vizt those of

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| The Alms House amounts to | £1240: 3: 3½ | |
| The Bridewell .....to | 243:14: 2 | |
| total | 1483:17: 5½ | |

An Estimate of the Commissrs for the ensuing Quarter was then read & approved. Vizt

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| for the Alms House | £1400:—:— |
| for the Bridewell | 200:—:— |
| | £1600:—:— |

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay to the Commissrs the said Sums accordingly. issued

Ordered that the Application of Messrs Ryerson & Quigley for an abatement of the Rent due on the Ferry from Staten Isle And the Application of [97] Messrs Ryerson and Thomas for the Ferry from Elizth Town Point to this City be referred to the Street Committee

Mr Mayor reported that he had waited on the honble Horatio Gates & in the Name of this Board presented him with the Certificate of his being made a Freeman of this City And that he received the same with great Satisfaction & requested Mr Mayor on his behalf to return the Board his Thanks for their polite Attention towards him.

The Clerk according to Order reported to the Board an Ordinance for the new paving of Broad Street; which was read

A Petition from several Proprietors of Lots in that Street praying that the same may be paved in the old way with the Kennel in the middle of the Street; was then read

And Ald. Wool moved that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted; which was carried in the Negative by all the Members except

Aldⁿ Wool. The said Ordinance was then again read & passed by the Board

Resolved that two Drains be laid one on each side of the said Street near the Kennel at the public expence to be kept in Repair at the Expence of the Neighborhood.

Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrᵗ on the Treasʳ to pay
issued Lidia Wentworth the Sum of £10 towards the Support of her indigent Family.

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| To James Culbertson & Alexʳ Lamb for their respective Companies of City Watchmen | £73:10:— |
| Abᵐ Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps to 26th April | 34:—:— |
| Wᵐ Sloo for the Constables &c conveying Vagrants to Bridewell | 22: 7: 6 |
| Isaac Van Duzen for the Iron Grate to the Drain at the Coffee House | 7: 9: 2 |

[98] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 13th day of May 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqʳ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqʳ Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Nichs Bayard | | Wᵐ J Elsworth | |
| Theops Beekman | | Stephen McCrea | |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen | |
| | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| | | John Van Dyk | |

The Poll List of the Election held in the East Ward of a Collector in place of Robᵗ Johnston decᵈ was presented to the Board from which it appeared that John Harrison was duly elected. Ordered that he attend & take the usual Oaths.

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Beekman Street between Nassau Street & Chatham Row was ratified by the Board And John Mildeberger was appointed to receive the Monies & to superintend the paving of the said Street

An Estimate & Assessment for the digging out & filling in of Catharine Street [99] was also ratified by the Board and Martin Morrison was appointed to receive the Monies and to superintend the digging out & filling in the said Street

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off (if the Revenue fund will permit) the Bonds from this Corporation to Peter Mesier, Abraham Duryee & Hugh Gaine for Robᵗ Willson.

The Treasurer reported on the Petition of Joseph Cheesman that his Lease expired the 1st May 1790 & that the expired Leases of other Lots in the same situation have been renewed at £4 Pr Annum—which Rent the Board determined too low.

Proposals of David Waldron and John Bogardus for repairing the Roads by Contract were opened & read Whereupon the Board determined to adopt the former Mode of repairing the Roads And the Street Committee were directed to enquire for & report to the Board two proper Persons as Superintendants.

The side Walks of several of the Streets in this City being incompleat it was ordered by the Board that the Proprietors of the Lots opposite to the said Walks be notified to have the same compleated & laid with flatt Stones or Bricks without delay vizt Both side of Wall Street from Hanover Square to front Street—Certain Parts of Front Street & Water Street—Both [100] sides of the Street leading from Great Dock Street to Coenties Slip—Both sides of the Street leading from Great Dock Street into the old Slip. the East side of the Street leading from Queens Street into Beekmans Slip And certain Parts of Water Street between the old Slip & Wall Street.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

The Street Committee Report the following Regulation for White Hall Street. Beginning in the Broad Way opposite the House of Dominick Lynch and descending four Inches on every 10 feet to a point opposite to the middle of Beaver Street—then ascending one Inch on every 10 feet to the distance of 257 feet—then descending two Inches & $^{77}/_{100}$ parts of an Inch on every 10 feet to opposite the middle of Pearl Street and from thence descending one Inch on every 10 feet to the Bulkhead at White Hall Slip; which is agreable to the Survey accompanying this Report

White Hall Street

They further report that Green Street ought to be dug out & paved agreable to the present regulation of Crown Street and Maiden Lane.

That an Ordinance ought to be passed to direct the paving the Walks in Cortlandt Street as the Law directs.

That an Ordinance ought to be passed [101] for the like purpose with respect to the Walks in Greenwich Street from Cortlandt Street to Barclay Street and also for Partition Street.

That Ordinances ought to be passed for the digging out of Murray

Street & Robinson Street and the Earth to be carried into the public Ground opposite the public Buildings; which is respectfully submitted.

May 13th 1791

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theops Beekman
Willm J Elsworth
John Pintard

Ordered that the Clerk prepare Ordinances for the above Purposes accordingly

The Committee appointed to examine the State of the Buildings on Bedlows Isle made a Verbal Report on the Subject Whereupon the Board determined to let the said Island to Mr Cromwell, agreable to his own Offer, for the Term of 28 Years at the Rent of £10:—per Annum, he to put & keep in Repair the Buildings at his own Expence & to surrender the Island & Buildings in good Order & Repair at the end of the Term And the Corporation to use it during the Term as a Pest Isle if it shall be necessary.

Mr Recorder from the Committee on the Subject of the *Fresh Water Pond made a verbal Report on the Subject [102] Whereupon the Board determined it expedient to purchase the Right of the Representatives of Anthony Rutgers decd to the said Pond for the Sum of £150 at which Price Mr Recorder reported it might be obtained And the same Committee were directed to treat with Mr Egbert Benson Agent for the said Representatives as to the Price of the Slip of Meadow on the North West side of the said Pond; which the Board also conceived it expedient to purchase

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay

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| issued | Jameson Cox for subsistg criminal Prisoners in Goal for the Months of Feby March & April last..... | £42: 7: 4 |
| issued | John Campbell Esqr Coroner for Inquests on dead Bodies to the 2d Inst..... | £18: 2:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | £36:15:— |
| issued | John Stagg for paving on the West side of the City Hall | £31: 8:— |
| issued | Daniel Burger for Repairs to the public Pumps in Montg & the Out Wd..... | £13: 7: 8 |
| issued | . . . . . Bolmer for Iron Work to do..... | £2: 3: 3 |

* Marginal note reads *Collect.*—Ed.

[103] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 20th Day of May 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Theophs Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth | Assistts |
| Nicholas Bayard | | John Pintard | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Van Dyk | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen | |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |
| Jeremh Wool | | Stephen McCrea | |

Mr Cromwell declining to accept a Lease of Bedlows Island It was ordered that the Treasurer let it on the best Terms he can.

A Petition from a number of Persons in the neighborhood of the Old Slip setting forth the bad State of that Slip and the unusefulness of that part of it which extends above front Street And praying that it may be filled up & front Street continued across it; was read & rejected.

Ordered that the Street committee enquire into the Subject & report the best Measures for clearing the several Slips of Filth & Mud.

[104] A Petition of Joseph Crook to be Measurer of Grain was read & postponed.

The Clerk according to order presented to the Board a Law or Ordinance for removing out of the Streets Trees & to prevent the erection of Bow-Windows and the placing or hanging of Goods out for Sale at the front of the Houses." which was read And the same being again read & considered by Paragraphs was passed and ordered to be published & printed in the public News Papers; under the following Title vizt

"A supplementary Law to the Law entitled "A Law to regulate the paving and keeping in Repair the Streets & for preventing Nuisances within this City."

Mr Recorder from the Committee for conferring with the Trustees of the College in this City relative to the Claim of Dr Thomas Jones for Compensation on acct of loss in his Lots on the North side of Barclay Street by the widening of that Street delivered in to the Board a written Paper in the Words following vizt

"The Committee appointed by the Trustees of the College to settle the [105] Terms on which it may be proper to release to the Corporation of the City the Ground necessary to be thrown into the Street on

the North side of Barclay Street so that the same may be widened as proposed Recommend it to the Trustees to Release the Ground in Question from the Broad Way to Greenwich Street upon Condition that the City Corporation will pay to them the Sum of one hundred & fifty seven Pounds eleven Shillings & three Pence being the Sum awarded to be paid to Dr Jones in case the Corporation of the College should not make the Session proposed in which Case the Trustees are likewise to release to Dr Jones the Rent he would otherwise have to pay for the Ground he will loose.

25th April 1791 Brockholst Livingston
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Which Recommendation was confirmed by the Board.

Extract from the Minutes

Robt Harpur Clk of the College Corporation"

[106] Whereupon it was determined & Ordered by the Board that on the Trustees of the College & Dr Jones releasing to this Corporation such part of the said Lots as hath been thrown into the Street to widen the same for the public use as a Street Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasury to pay to the Trustees of the College the Sum of £157:11:2 and to Dr Thos Jones the Sum of £81:2:4 which said two Sums together amount to the Sum awarded by the Commissioners on the 31st day of May last to Dr Jones in full Compensation for his loss as aforesaid.

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| issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay Jameson Cox the Sum of £1:8/ for 1 Cord of Wood for the use of the criminal Prisoners. | |
| issued | To Rinier Skaats for 1 Qr Salary as Door Keeper & Messenger & 5/ for Disbursemts..... | £10: 5:— |
| issued | And to Joseph Cheesman for paving from Franckfort Street to the Corner of the Brick Presbyn Church.... | £33: 0:10 |

[107] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 30th day of May 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Theophs Beekman<br>John Wylley<br>Danl McCormick<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldn | John Van Dyk<br>Wm J Elsworth<br>George Janeway<br>John Pintard<br>Stephen McCrea<br>Garret Harsen | Assistts |

Gardiner Baker Cordwainer. admitted and sworn a freeman

An Estimate and Assesment for the new paving of Broad Street was read & ratified by the Board And William Gilbert was appointed to collect the Monies on the East & Aert Huysman on the West side of the said Street And John Stagg and George Gosman were appointed to superintend the paving of the sd Street

Ordered that the Street Committee take Order for continuing the arched Drain in Broad Street with Brick to the north side of Bridge Street if they shall judge the measure necessary.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

The Street Committee to whom the following Subjects were referred. [108] Report that it is their Opinion that great benefit would result to their fellow Citizens by laying open a new Road on New York Island from Bloomingdale to Fort Washington that to ascertain the practicability of this Measure Your Committee accompanied by several other Members of the Corporation and some of the Proprietors of the Lands thro' which the said new Road is contemplated to pass; did on the 21st Instant view the Premisses, and find that *that* it is very easy to extend the present Road terminating on the Lands of Nicholas De Peyster, thro' the Lands of said De Peyster & others and falling in with the present high Road to Kings Bridge somewhere about the Lands of Doctor Bradhurst & the Widow Watkins—Your Committee are further of Opinion that they be empowered to have such Surveys made as may be judged necessary, and that the Corporation should establish the Principles on which they may judge proper to carry this desirable Improvement into effect.

The Committee further Report that the Southern part of Broadway be regulated upon the following Principles Vizt Beginning at the Southern side [109] of Dominick Lynch's House & proceeding

thence to *Kennedy's Lane on the Westerly side of the Broadway with a regular descent of two Inches & $^{78}/_{100}$ on every ten feet, for which purpose the Kennel of Broadway must be dug down opposite the intersection of Beaver Lane nine Inches and raised at the distance of 189 feet from said intersection one foot eleven Inches and at the intersection of Kennedy's Lane, must be dug down four Inches and an half from thence Broadway must ascend to the distance of ninety feet to a point on a range with the Gov$^{t}$ House one Inch on ten feet, for which purpose the Ground at said Point must be dug down, one foot five Inches, from thence the Avenue of the Broadway on the Battery Grounds must descend to the Wall plate of the present new Dock with a descent of one Inch & $^{5}/_{100}$ on ten feet, for which Purpose the Ground at the Distance of 284 feet must be raised four Inches, according to the Draft accompanying this Report

The Committee further beg leave to report that the Regulation of the †Street in front of the Gov$^{t}$ House be upon the following Principles viz$^{t}$ [110] That from Whitehall Street agreable to the late Regulation, said Street ascend at the rate of one Inch on ten feet to the center of the Gov$^{t}$ House, for which purpose, it will require to be raised at the distance of sixty four feet from the westerly Kennel of White Hall Street, one foot three Inches and at the center of the Government House six Inches, That the said Street should descend from the center of the Gov$^{t}$ House to a distance of forty five feet 6 Inches being a point on a range with the west side of the said House at the rate of one Inch on ten feet and from said point to the Wall plate of the present Dock at the End of Kennedy's Lane with a descent of two Inches & $^{21}/_{100}$, on ten feet agreable to the Draft accompanying this Report.

And your Committee recommend that Ordinances be passed to carry such Regulation into effect.

‡Your Committee further report that they have considered of a plan for cleansing the public Slips of this City and are of Opinion that the same may be effectually done and at a more reasonable rate than in any other manner by Means of a Machine called a Dock Drudge. That such a [111] Machine belonging to the Corporation of Albany & lately employed for the purpose of removing the Obstructions at the Overslagh in Hudsons River near that City, in now in this City for sale and may be purchased at a reasonable rate. Your Committee are

* Marginal note reads *Marketfield S$^{t}$*—ED.
† Marginal note reads *Marketfield Street.*—ED.
‡ Marginal note reads *Cleaning Slips.*—ED.

of Opinion that the same ought to be purchased by this Board and should be immediately employed for the purpose of cleaning the public Slips and recommend the purchase of it accordingly

May 30th 1791

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theo$^{s}$ Beekman
John Pintard
Will$^{m}$ J Elsworth
John Van Dyk
} Com$^{tee}$

Ordered that the same Committee direct a Survey of the said intended new Road to be made & laid before the Board

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh & Van Zandt & M$^{r}$ Janeway be a Committee, and that they take to their Assistance two Shipwrights, to examine the Vessel or Dock Drudge & if they find her in condition worth purchasing that they make purchase of her on the best Terms they can

The Treasurer having let Bedlow's Island to James Sullivan for the Term of four Years on certain Conditions [112] contained in Articles of Agreem$^{t}$ which the Clerk had prepared and the same being read were approved by the Board And it was ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to one part thereof to be delivered to M$^{r}$ Sullivan on his executing & delivering the other part

The Clerk produced the following Ordinances which were respectively read & passed by the Board viz$^{t}$

"A Law for the new Regulation & paving of that part of the Broad Way from the Southern side of Dominick Lynch's House to Kennedy's Lane."

"A Law for the new regulation & paving of the *Street in front of the Gov$^{t}$ House"

"A Law for the new regulation & paving of the Broad Way from opposite "Dominick Lynch's House to Beaver Street, and Whitehall Street from Beaver Street to White Hall Slip."

"A Law to regulate & pave the foot Walks of Cortlandt Street"

"A Law to regulate & pave the foot Walks of Partition Street"

"A Law to regulate & pave the foot Walks of Greenwich Street from Cortlandt Street to Barclay Street"

"A Law to regulate & dig out Murray Street" And a Law to regulate & dig out Robinson's Street"

* Marginal note reads *Marketfield Street*.—ED.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to
issued pay Mr John Pintard the Sum of £17:4/ for the Disbursements & Expences of the Road Committee.

[113] A Petition of many of the Inhabitants against the removing of Trees planted in the Streets of this City was read Whereupon a Law or Ordinance to suspend the operation of the Law passed at the last Meeting as far [as] it respects Trees which *which* do not obstruct any of the foot Walks until the first day of Decr next, was read & passed by the Board and ordered to be published

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 10th Day of June 1791

Present/ Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Wynant Van Zandt<br>Theops Beekman<br>Daniel McCormick<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Jeremh Wool<br>John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth<br>John Van Dyk<br>John Pintard<br>Garret Harsen<br>Stephen McCrea | Assistts |

Mr Recorder informed the Board that it had been represented to him by the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell that they stood in immediate [114] Need of a Sum of Money for the use of the Alms House and as the Monies raised by the last Tax for that purpose were expended it became necessary for the Board to make some Provision in the Premisses until the collection of the ensuing Tax should commence.

Whereupon it was ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrt on
the Treasurer to pay the Commissioners of the Alms
issued House & Bridewell the Sum of £600 on Acct out of the Revenue fund to be charged to the Alms House fund & replaced out of the first Monies arising from the ensuing Tax.

Aldn Stoutenburgh from the Committee reported that agreable to the Order of the last Meeting they had examined the Vessel or Dock Drudge and that they found her in such Condition as that the Committee had determined it expedient & had purchased her at the price of £150 and that they had directed her to be removed to Mr Hare's Ship yard to be repaired.

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrt on the Treas-
issued urer to pay Aldn Stoutenburgh the said Sum accordingly

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off the Bond from this Corporation to Sam[l] Ellis if the Revenue fund will permit it.

[115] It being represented to the Board that in consequence of the late Regulation of Catharine & Cherry Streets the Street about the New Market at Catharine Slip will require to be considerably raised as also the Market House

Ordered that the Street Committee be instructed to view the Premisses and if they judge it necessary to be done at the public Expence that they take order for doing the same accord[gly]

The Street Committee reported that they had agreed with David Waldron to take charge of & keep in Repair, subject to the direction of the Street Committee, the Post Road on this Island beginning at the turn of the Road opposite to the Corporation Lot near the three Mile stone to Kings Bridge also the Haerlem Roads and the cross Road from the Main Road to Bloomingdale Road at M[r] Apthorpes And that he is to be allowed for his Service in performing the same at the rate of twelve Shillings per Day for himself Horse & Cart and four Shillings per Day for every Labourer he may judge necessary to employ.

The Committee further reported that they had concluded to continue the Arch of the common Sewer in Broad Street twenty two feet and that they had [116] agreed with Mess[rs] Stagg & Gosman to perform the same for thirty two Pounds; which said Report was agreed to by the Board.

issued Ordered that M[r] Recorder issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay W[m] J. Elsworth on acc[t] the further Sum of £50 towards new placing the public Lamps

And to pay the following Persons the follow[g] Sums for their Services as Clerks at the late Gen[l] Election viz[t]

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| | Sam[l] Suydam & Cornelius Heyer | £5:12:— |
| | Garret Gilbert & Peter Brinckerhoff | 5: 3:— |
| | Jacob Clinch & Peter Van Zandt | 7: 4:— |
| issued | John W Gilbert & Tho[s] Gilbert | 6:12:— |
| | Francis Child & John J Roome | 6:12:— |
| | Sam[l] Dodge & David G Abeel | 6:12:— |
| | James Honam & Whitehead Fish | 6: 8:— |
| | | £44: 7:— |
| | And to Jeremiah Marshall as Clerk at a late Election in Mont[g] Ward of an Assessor | 0:16:— |
| issued | And Jacob Clinch for the like in the East Ward at an Election of a Collector | 0:16:— |
| | | £1:12:— |

[117] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 24th June 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Theophilus Beekman
John Wylley
Nicholas Bayard
Jeremiah Wool
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Daniel McCormick
} Esqrs Aldn

Garret Harsen
John Pintard
William J Elsworth
John Van Dyk
George Janeway
Stephen McCrea
} Assistts

John Hooghland Sadler
Jeremiah Ward Wool—Silversmith, } admitted to the freedom of this City.

James Egberts produced to the Board a Release from him to this Corporation of a part of his Lot of Ground taken into the Street by a late Regulation of Whitehall Street; which was accepted by the Board.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to issued pay Mr Egberts the Sum of £60 in full for the consideration Money in the said Release mentioned

Ordered that the Proprietors of vacant Lots to the southard of a Line beginning at Hudsons River at the lower end of Murray Street, thence up the said Street along the front of the Alms House to Franckfort Street thence to the middle of Ferry Street [118] & thence to Pecks Slip, be notified in the News Papers that unless they enclose their respective vacant Lots on or before the 1st August next with a sufficient Fence so as to prevent their becoming receptacles for Filth & Dirt, this Board will take such Measures in the Premisses as the Law authorizes & requires.

Ordered further that a Notification be publish[ed] in the News Papers warning all Persons against throwing into the public Wharfs & Slips any Dirt or Filth and making it the Duty of the Wharfinger, the Measurers of Lime & the Inspectors of Fire Wood to see to the due execution of the Law on that subject and that an extract of the Law be also published.

It being represented to the Board that the upper part of Greenwich Street is in it's present situation impassable & dangerous.

Ordered that the Street Committee confer with the Corporation of the Episcopal Church about continuing the said Street to the Northward & with Mr Rhinelander as to the compleating it.

Ordered that the Street Committee take order for employing the Dock Drudge in cleaning out & deepining the public Slips & Wharfs in this City.

[119] The Street Committee reported that they had agreed with Mr Isaac Varian to superintend the repairing of the Bloomingdale, Greenwich & middle Roads on the same Terms as with Mr David Waldron for the other Roads. And further that they had viewed the state of the New Market at Catharine Slip & found it necessary to raise the same in conformity with the regulation of Cherry & Catharine Streets and that they had directed it to be done at the expence of this Board accordingly

The attention of the Board being called to the compleating of the Improvements at the Battery near the Whitehall Slip the Committee on that Subject suggested two Modes of executing it Whereupon it was ordered that they report plans of the two Modes with an Estimate of the Expence of executing each Plan.

The Street Committee reported that in their Opinion the residue of the Drain adjoining the Exchange & Great Dock Street should be arched and that no Persons should be permitted to lead Drains into any of the public Drains of this City without the Consent of this Board. which was agreed to by the Board.

[120] Ordered that the Street Committee be permitted [to] take the Iron which formerly enclosed Pitts Statue and apply the same to the Railing at the front of the Arch in Broad Street

On reading a Petition of Colo Henry Rutgers Ordered that the Street Committee take order for the erection of a Bulkhead across Rutgers Slip.

Ordered that Jacob Carpenter be appointed a Fireman to Engine No 2 vice Danl Lawrence resigned And Peter Shackerly to Engine No 11 vice Gerardus Burger removed.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| | David Waldron the Sum of..... | $50:—:— |
| | & Henry Shute the Sum of..... | £40:—:— |
| issued | in full of the Ballce due them respectively on their Contracts for repairing the public Roads last Year. | |
| issued | Joshua Meals towards a Well sinking in William Street Out Wd ..... | £10:—:— |
| issued | Aldn Beekman for Materials in raising the new Market at Catharine Slip..... | £2:15:— |
| issued | And John Stagg & George Gosman for the arched Drain in Broad Street according to Agreement..... | £32:—:— |

The Clerk produced to the Bd the Dr of a Grant to Alexr MacComb of the Soil from high to low Water Mark & thence 200 feet into the East River opposite to his Lot of Land in the Out Ward [121] between Delancey & Rivington Streets. which was read & approved by the Bd & ordered to be engrossed

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 1st day of July 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | George Janeway | Assistts |
| Nicholas Bayard | | John Pintard | |
| John Wylley | | Garret Harsen | |
| Theophs Beekman | | William J Elsworth | |
| Daniel McCormick | | John Van Dyk | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | | |

An Estimate and Assessment for the filling in and regulating of Oliver Street was read & ratified by the Board And Martin Morrison was appointed to collect the Monies thereon & to superintend the filling in of the said Street.

Ordered that the Street Committee report a plan or regulation for preserving the public Sewers or Drains in this City.

A Law for the new paving of Green Street was read & passed by the Board.

Ordered that the Clerk report at the next Meeting a List of the Measurers.

[122] Ordered that Genl Malcom be allowed two hundred & an half Wt of Gun Powder for his Brigade next Monday being the *Anniversary of the Independence of the United States

Ordered that Aldn Wylley and Messrs Van Dyk & Janeway be a Committee to enquire into the progress made by the proprietors of the Waters Lots as to the compleating of Cherry Street and that the Delinquents be informed that unless they compleat their respective Parts of the Business without delay process will be commenced against them.

Ordered that Aldn McCormick & Messrs Van Dyk & Pintard be a Committee to take order for obtaining proper Frames for the Por-

* Marginal note reads *15th Anniversary*.—Ed.

traits in the City Hall of the President of the United States and the Governor of this State.

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| issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to pay Mr John Trumbull the Sum of £186:13:4 for taking the Portrait of his Excellcy the Governor. | |
| issued | To Aldn Stoutenburgh on acct the Sum of £135 for the Plank of the new Drains in Broad Street. | |
| issued | To James Rivington for printing in the Year 1774..... | £1:13: 4 |
| issued | And to Archd McLean for the like..... | £9: 9:— |

[123] The Mayor Recorder & Alderman then proceeded to the consideration of the Monies necessary to be raised by Tax within this City & County this present Year and thereupon determined & ordered that the Sum of £8000 be raised for the support and maintenance of the Poor, the Bridewell and the Criminals confined in Prison and the repairing & maintaining the public Roads and cleaning and improving the Street.

And the further Sum of £3000 for the Improvement at the Battery & in front of the Government House.

And also the further sum of 4000 for the Watch & Lamp Departments

And that the said several Sums be apportioned in the respective Wards in manner following vizt

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| South Ward | including an arrearage of last Year of £31:9:4 | 701:12: 4 |
| Dock Ward | including as above £23:11:10..... | 1449: 7:10 |
| East Ward | including as above £20: 8:10..... | 4005:11:10 |
| Montg Ward | including as above £13: 3: 4..... | 3238: 5: 4 |
| North Ward | including as above £21: 1:11..... | 1579: 0:11 |
| West Ward | including as above £25:15: 2..... | 2394: 7: 2 |
| Bowery Division So of the Line | including as above £10:12: 2..... | 1128: 4: 2 |
| Do No of the line | including as above £3: 5: 8..... | 557:10: 8 |
| Harlem Division | including as above £0: 3:10..... | 95:11:10 |

[124] And it was further ordered that the said several and respective Sums be collected and paid into the hands of the Treasurer or Chamberlain on or before the 28th day of September next

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 8th day of July 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | Garret Harsen | Assistts |
| Theophilus Beekman | | John Pintard | |
| John Wylley | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | William J Elsworth | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | John Van Dyk | |

A Petition of Solomon Simpson relative to one of the Trees in the Street opposite to his House was read.

Ordered that he be informed that the prayer thereof cannot be granted

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of the several Streets about the Govt House were ratified by the Board & Thomas Lafoy was appointed to collect the Monies therein assessed and John Stagg & George Gosman were appointed to superintend the paving [125] of the said Streets.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Dey Street relative to the Pump in the said Street was read & rejected.

A Petition from some of the Proprietors of Lots & Houses in Duke Street praying that this Board will aid them in making a Drain by giving them Planck for the purpose was read & rejected.

A second Petition from the Inhabitants of Great George (Broadway) Street between the Bridewell & Hospital for side Walks was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from several Persons Proprietors of Lots of Ground in the vicinity of Oliver Street praying that Measures be taken for compelling the filling in of all the Lots to the height of the said Street: was read & referred to the Street Committee to enquire into the facts & to report the same with their Opinion to the Board

The Clerk returned a List of the public Measurers Whereupon Aldn Stoutenburgh & Messrs Pintard & McCrea were appointed a Committee to enquire whether the number already appointed is not sufficient

[126] The following Report of the Committee on the Improvements at the Battery was read & agreed to by all the Members present except Aldn Wool vizt "That in conformity with the Directions of the Board Your Committee endeavored to obtain Estimates of the different Plans proposed to finish the Wharf at the Battery That

your Committee notwithstanding their Endeavours have not been able to succeed in procuring such Estimates: But from their Enquiries are able to decide that the Plan proposed by Col° Bauman to carry out a Bastion at the point of the Battery & to finish the Wharf running into the East River corresponding with said Design will cost at least three times the Sum the Plan proposed by your Committee which is to make a Return at right Angles at the Point of the Battery & continue the line of the Wharf to the Whitehall Slip—the Quantity of Earth required for the former Plan being so much greater than for the latter. Your Committee therefore recommend that their Plan offered to the B^d be adopted.

July 8^th 1791

Isaac Stoutenburgh
John Pintard.

[127] The following Report of the Committee on the subject of the Ferry was presented & read. viz^t

"That in their Opinion the Road laid out at the Ferry on Long Island between the Ferry House & Barn agreable to a Report of a former Committee, should run as it is now fenced off—It appearing to your Committee that the Road altho' it deviates from the aforesaid Report was still laid out agreable to the Directions and under the Eye of a Committee of this Board.

Your Committee further report that the Bridge at the Exchange between the Arch & the Exchange remain for the present Year as the Expences likely to be incurred by the several Works carrying on will probably absorb all the Resources of the Corporation.

New York 8^th July 1791

Isaac Stoutenburgh
John Pintard
Will^m J Elsworth
} Com^tee

The latter part of the said Report concerning the Bridge at the Exchange was agreed to by the Board And the former part respecting the Road at the Ferry was postponed And it was ordered that the Surveyor make a Survey of the said Road & the Land in connection with it & report the same to the Board.

[128] Ordered that M^r Mayor issue his Warr^ts on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | M^r John Pintard for Expences on the 4^th Inst the anniversary of American Independence | £14:15:— |
| issued | George Lindsay for a stone Gutter at the Pump Corner of New Dutch Church | £0:18:— |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey public Whipper for 1 Q^r Services due 27^th Ult° | £8:15:— |

[129] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 15th day of July 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>John Wylley<br>Daniel McCormick<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Alda | John Pintard<br>John Van Dyk<br>William J Elsworth<br>Stephen McCrea<br>George Janeway<br>Garret Harsen | Assistts |

Mr Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from Dr Thomas B Bridgen to him in which he offers " for the Sum of £20 to undertake to remove the chief Obstacles in the cross Road leading from the Post to the Blooming Dale Road on the North side of his House at Inchlambergh to make the Road passable and a safe plank Bridge over the Water Course at the Junction of the Post Road And further to keep the same Road & Bridge for three Years in good order for the annual Sum of £5." Which said proposals were accepted & agreed to by the Board.

[130] A Memorial of John Stevens Junr for a renewal of his Term of Hobook Ferry was read & referred to the Treasr

The Clerk produced the engrossed Grant to Alexander McComb for the Soil from high to low Mark & from low Water Mark 200 feet into the East River in front of his Land between Delancey & Rivington Streets in the Out Ward; which was read & approved by the Bd And it was ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto And that Mr Mayor subscribe the same to be delivered to Mr McComb on his executing the counterpart thereof.

A Petition of Thomas Randall & others setting forth the great advantages which will result from the compleating of the Improvements at the Battery towards Whitehall Slip by extending the Line into the River so as to include the remains of the old half Moon Battery agreable to the Plan of Colo Bauman & praying that the said Improvements may be finished agreable to the said Plan; was read Whereupon the Board went into a reconsideration of the Subject of the Report of the Committee agreed to at the last Meeting And on the Question to grant the [131] prayer of the said Petition it passed in the Negative by all the Members except Alda Wool Alda McCormick & Mr Pintard.

Alda McCormick then moved that the further prosecution of the

said Work be suspended until May next; Which passed in the Negative as above.

The Clerk according to order presented a Law or Ordinance for permitting the Cartmen to use Ironshod Wheels which was read & passed by the Bd

The Street Committee presented the follows Report which was read & agreed to by the Board. vizt

"That Beaver Street ought to be paved agreable to the Survey thereof herewith delivered beginning at the Kennel in the westerly side of Broad Street and ascending one Inch & 5/100 parts of an Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 265 feet and from thence ascending four Inches & 54/100 on every ten feet to the Kennel on the southeasterly side of Whitehall Street

That Marketfield Street be paved agreable to the Survey thereof beginning at the Kennel in the westerly side of Broad Street and ascending three [132] Inches & 28/100 on every ten feet to the Kennel on the Southeasterly side of Whitehall Street.

That Stone Street be paved agreable to the Survey thereof beginning at the Kennel on the Westerly side of Broad Street & ascending three Inches & 66/100, on every ten feet to the Kennel on the Southeasterly side of Whitehall Street

June 15th 1791

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theophs Beekman
Willm J Elsworth
John Van Dyk
John Pintard
} Comtee

Ordinances for paving the said three Streets agreable to the said Report were then passed by the Board according.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off the Bond to the Widow Charlott Hicks if the Revenue fund will admit.

*The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

The Street Committee report that Great George (Broadway) Street be regulated and dug out agreable to the Survey thereof And that a foot Walk be paved in Great George Street from the Corner of Murray Street to the End of the House late [133] the property of Lewis Nicholls decd beyond the Hospital. Great George Street will accordingly require to be regulated in the follows manner Warren Street at the Distance of 169 feet from the Corner of the Bridewell Fence must be

* Marginal note reads *See this Regulation altered Septr 9th 1793.*—Ed.

lowered two feet ten Inches—Chambers Street at the distance of 257 feet further must be lowered three feet Reade Street at the Distance of one hundred & ninety feet further to be lowered three feet—the intersection of Barley Street at the Distance of 242 feet further must be raised seven feet seven Inches. Thomas Street at the Distance of 241 feet further must be lowered four feet five Inches—A station 160 feet from Thomas Street must be lowered six feet nine Inches Catharine Street at the Distance of 77 feet from thence must be lowered two feet eight Inches and a station opposite Mr Clarksons House at the Distance of 250 feet further must be lowered nine feet six Inches.

As the Improvement of the foot Walk is intended to terminate [134] here the Committee further report that the main Street beyond Mr Clarkson's House should be dug away so as to render it conformable with the general Survey of Great George Street.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theos Beekman
John Van Dyk
Willm J Elsworth
John Pintard
} Comtee

The Survey of the said Street conformable to the said Report was also presented & approved by the Board.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay

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| issued | Aldn Stoutenburgh on Acct towds the Improvements at the Battery & abt the Govt House last Year..... | £1100:—:— |
| | and for those now prosecuting..... | £900:—:— |
| | | £2000:—:— |
| issued | William Crom one of the City Watchmen for bodily injury he recd in quelling a Riot in the Night..... | £10:—:— |
| issued | Donald Campbell a Laborer injured by the caving in of the Earth in digging the public Drain in Broad Street | £5:—:— |
| issued | Danl Phœnix for copying & carrying out the Poundage of the Tax Books..... | £14:12:— |
| issued | Genl Malcom for the Gun Powder allowed his Brigade to celebrate the anniversary of American Independence | £20:—:— |
| issued | John Simmons for Expences of the [135] Commissrs for estimating the Injury received by the late Regulation of Greenwich Street..... | £14:18:— |
| issued | And Hugh Gaine for printing the last Emission of Notes for small Change..... | £20:—:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 22d day of July 1791

Present. Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Esqrs Aldn: Isaac Stoutenburgh, Nicholas Bayard, John Wylley, Wynant Van Zandt, Theophs Beekman

Assistts: John Pintard, John Van Dyk, Stephen McCrea, William J Elsworth, Garret Harsen, Wynant Van Zandt

The Treasurer presented to the Board an Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Monies arising on the last Tax within this City & County which was examined by the Board & ordered to be filed.

A Letter from the Treasurer inclosing one from John Harris Cruger late Treasurer of this City wherein he sets forth that Nicholas Gouverneur [136] had in Septr 1775 paid into the Treasury on Acct of Quit Rent due on his Water Lot £70: 17: 10½.

The Treasurer requests the order of the Board to credit Mr Gouverneur for that Sum.

Ordered that the further consideration thereof be postponed until an Affidavit of Mr Cruger be produced under the Seal of the Chief Magistrate of the City or Place where he resides of the Truth of the Contents of the said Letter.

A Petition for the new paving of Water Street from Pecks Slip, Eastward; was read & referred to the Street Committee.

The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board vizt The Street Committee report That Garden Street ought to be paved according to the following Regulation vizt Ascending from Broad Street agreable to the new Pavement to the distance of 180 feet with four Inches & two thirds on ten feet—To a Distance of ninety eight feet further with two Inches & 3 1/100 on ten feet from thence with a Descent of one Inch on ten feet to the Distance of ninety feet being the intersection of Smith Street."

The Survey of the said Street was also approved by the Board.

[137] A Report of the Treasurer on the Petition of John Stevens relative to Hobook ferry was read & postponed.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the several Petitions of Persons to be appointed Measurers of Grain &c in this City, and determined the number five in addition to those heretofore appointed & now in the exercise of that Office to be fully competent.

Whereupon Joseph Earle, John D. Tier, Daniel Lawrence, John Latham & James Hunt were appointed accordingly.

A Petition from sundry Persons praying that the Law which prohibits the hanging out of Goods for sale in front of their Houses may be amended & that they may be permitted to hang them out under proper regulations was read & rejected.

The Clerk presented the Draft of a Grant to Marinus Willet of the Soil in front of his Lot in the Out Ward from high to low Water & thence 200 feet into the East River; which was read & approved by the Board and ordered to be engrossed.

The Surveyor having made & presented to the Board a Survey of the Corporation Land at Brooklyn with the new Road or Street lately opened through the same to Mr Sands's Land, The Board proceeded to the consideration of the [138] Report of the Committee on that Subject presented & read on the 8th Instant And, after considerable Debate, on the Question to agree to the said Report it passed in the Negative.

Whereupon it was ordered that Aldn McCormick & Messrs McCrea & Harsen be a Committee to confer with Mr Sands on the Subject & report the Result to the Board

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | Abraham Van Gelder for cleaning & lighting the public Lamps ..... | £69:—:— |
| issued | John Graham for Repairs to the public Lamps..... | £9:10: 3 |
| issued | Isaac Van Duzen for Blacksmith Work to public Pumps in Montgy Ward..... | 2:19: 6 |
| issued | Thomas Dodge for raising the Market House at Cathn Slip & repairs the ferry Stairs..... | 17:16: 7½ |

[139] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 28th day of July 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Jeremiah Wool<br>John Wylley<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth<br>Garret Harsen<br>John Pintard<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Stephen McCrea | Assists |

Ordered that the Committee of Accts attend at the Alms House and examine & audit the Commissioners Accts previous to the next quarterly Meeting.

The Committee on the Petition of Robt Boyd made the following Report which was agreed to by the Board vizt

"That a space of twenty eight feet broad should be reserved in the rear of and extending in length paralel to the *Market, from Partition to Vesey Street and that the Residue of the Land on the westerly side of the said twenty eight feet may be leased to the proprietors of the adjoining Lots, and therefore are of opinion that the Prayer of the said Petition ought to be granted upon such Terms and Conditions as this Board shall agree upon with the said Petitioner.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Wm J Elsworth.

[140] Ordered that the same committee confer with Mr Boyd & the other Proprietors on the Subject and report to the Board.

The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board vizt

"The Street Committee report That Duke Street having been regulated agreable to a Survey in order to the new paving thereof and the said Regulation appearing to your Committee to be attended with Inconveniencies do therefore recommend the following Regulation instead thereof. vizt Beginning at the intersection of Smith Street and ascending one and an half Inch on every 10 feet to the distance of 94 feet 3 Inches, thence descending three Inches on every 10 feet to the intersection of Coenties Lane and from thence descending two Inches and $^{62}/_{100}$ on every ten feet to Broad Street

That Coenties Lane ought to be new paved agreable to the following Regulation vizt Beginning at the Kennel on the South side of Duke Street and ascending one Inch & $^{38}/_{100}$ on every 10 feet to great Dock Street and that an Ordinance be passed to carry this Regulation into immediate execution.

July 28th 1791.

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theops Beekman
John Pintard
Willm J Elsworth

An Ordinance for the paving of Coenties Lane was passed accordingly.

[141] An Ordinance for the paving of the foot Walks in †Great George Street was also passed

*Marginal note reads *Hudson Market.*—Ed.
†Marginal note reads *Broadway.*—Ed.

An Estimate & Assessment for the new paving of Green Street was ratified by the Board And John Mildeberger was appointed to collect the Monies and John Stagg to superintend the paving of the Street

A Petition of Ab$^{m}$ Cannon for a Grant of the Soil under Water opposite to his Land at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Beekman M$^{r}$ Pintard & M$^{r}$ Harsen.

issued Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treas$^{r}$ to pay Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh the Sum of £37:8:2½ for the Ball$^{ce}$ due the Street Committee for the Planck and other Materials & for Labour on the Drains in Broad Street.

issued Willson Rawson for a quantity of Lamp Oil..... £148: 7: 6

issued W$^{m}$ Gilbert for the new paving in front of the Watch House ..... £9: 6: 9

[142] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 1$^{st}$ day of August 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

John Wylley, Theop$^{s}$ Beekman, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Wynant Van Zandt } Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

John Pintard, Will$^{m}$ J Elsworth, Garret Harsen, George Janeway, John Van Dyk, Stephen M$^{c}$Crea } Assist$^{ts}$

The Committee reported that they had examined & audited the Acc$^{ts}$ of the Commissioners for the last Q$^{r}$ amounting.

the Alms House to.....£1154: 4: 1¼
Bridewell ..... 214: 9: 1¼

An Estimate for the ensuing Q$^{r}$ was read & approved viz$^{t}$

for the Alms House.....£1400:—:—
Bridewell ..... 200:—:—

issued Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay the Commiss$^{rs}$ the said two Sums accordingly.

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Coenties Lane was read & ratified by the Board & W$^{m}$ Gilbert was appointed to collect the Monies & John Stagg to superintend the paving of the Street

The Commissioners suggested to the Board their wish of employing a Schoolmaster to instruct the Children at the rate of £50 per annum which was approved of by the Board.

[143] Ordered that the Ald$^{n}$ & Assist of the West Ward and M$^{r}$ Van Dyk be a Committee to take order for the filling in the Slip at the foot of Thames Street

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder take the necessary Measures for proceeding against the Intruders on the Corporation Ground in the Rear of the Alms House & Bridewell.

And that a Warrant of Att$^{y}$ from this Corporation to him be made out accordingly.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treas$^{r}$ to pay

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| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | £220:10:— |
| issued | Alexander Lamb the like..... | 220:10:— |
| issued | W$^{m}$ Sloo for apprehend$^{g}$ & conveying Vagrants to Bridewell ..... | 24:—:— |
| issued | And on a suggestion of M$^{r}$ Pintard to the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell for the purpose of purchasing Oak fire Wood to be laid up in the Bridewell Yard & to be disposed of next Winter as this B$^{d}$ shall direct ..... | £1000:—:— |

[144] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 12$^{th}$ day of Aug$^{t}$ 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Theoph$^{s}$ Beekman, Jeremiah Wool, John Wylley, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Nicholas Bayard, Wynant Van Zandt } Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

William J Elsworth, John Pintard, George Janeway, Stephen M$^{c}$Crea } Assist$^{ts}$

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

" The Street Committee report. That the Bowery Lane should in their Opinion be regulated in the following manner. Beginning at the head of Catharine Street, and there to dig down one foot three Inches and to ascend one Inch on every ten feet to the intersection of S$^{t}$ Nicholas Street, agreable to which the said Bowery Lane will require to be raised, opposite to Pell Street three feet one Inch & an half—opposite to Bayard Street two feet, and to be lowered two feet nine Inches opposite the Bulls head Tavern. From S$^{t}$ Nicholas Street [145] to descend one Inch & $^{8}/_{100}$ of an Inch on every ten feet to the intersection of Grand Street agreable to which it will require to be raised at the Distance of 225 feet. three Inches & an half and at the intersection of Hester Street one foot one Inch, and at the distance of 237 feet from thence one Inch and at the intersection of Grand

Street one foot six Inches. From Grand Street to ascend ¾ of an Inch on every 10 feet to the distance of 1740 feet, agreable to which it will require to be raised at the distance of 210 feet one foot nine Inches—at the distance of 200 feet further two feet four Inches at the further distance of 545 feet five feet four Inches at the distance of 535 feet further, three feet ten Inches and at the distance of 250 feet further three feet four Inches. Then to ascend $\frac{1}{10}$ of an Inch on every 10 feet to the two Mile Stone agreable to which it will require to be raised at the distance of 520 feet, four feet nine Inches, at the further distance of 300 feet, three feet eleven Inches, at the distance of 250 [feet] further, 1 foot 11 Inches, at the distance of 125 feet further two feet & half an Inch—at the distance of 300 feet further two [146] feet three Inches—at the distance of 475 feet further which is opposite to the Gate of Peter Stuyvezandt to be lowered two Inches—at the further distance of 250 feet to be raised seven Inches and at the two Mile Stone to remain as it is at present

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Theo$^{s}$ Beekman
Stephen M$^{c}$Crea
Will$^{m}$ J Elsworth
John Pintard
} Committee

A Map or Survey agreable to the above Report was also approved & filed Then an Ordinance for the digging out filling in & regulating the Bowery Lane from the head of Catharine Street to S$^{t}$ Nicholas Street And an Ordinance for the new paving of Mill Street—passed the B$^{d}$

The Street Committee reported a set of Articles of Agreement between this Board and Peter Van Orden Isaac Halsey W$^{m}$ Beekman & W$^{m}$ Van Tessel for the filling in Thames Slip to the Bulkhead across the same for the Sum of £380, which were approved by the Board & it was ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to one part to be delivered on the parties executing & delivering the other part

Ordered that the Street Committee take order for repairing the Roof over the Common Council Chamber so as to prevent it's leaking.

[147] A Release from the Trustees of Columbia College of a part of certain Lots of Ground, held under Lease by Doctor Thomas Jones, thrown out for the purpose of widening Barclay & Greenwich Streets; was presented to the Board & filed.

Thereupon ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the
issued Treasurer to pay to the said Trustees the Sum of £157: 11:2 the consideration Money in the said Release mentioned.

And to Dr Thomas Jones the Sum of £81:2:4 with Interest from the day of in full of his claim on this Board for compensation for his loss of part of the said Lots by the widening of the said Streets as aforesaid,
issued provided he execute a Release to this Bd of his Estate in such part of the said Lots as hath been taken to widen the said Streets as aforesaid and deducting out of the said Sum such Sums as have been assessed on him & remain unpaid for the paving of the said two Streets

Also to pay the follows Persons the following Sums vizt

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| issued | Thomas Lafoy for the Corporation's part of new paving the Streets about the Govt House..... | £359: 7: 1 |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth on Acct towards the new placing of the public Lamps ..... | £200:—:— |
| issued | [148] Aldn Van Zandt on Acct towards the working of the Drudge in clearing the public Slips..... | £140:—:— |
| issued | Jameson Cox for subsisting criminal Prisoners in Goal for the Months of May, June & July last..... | £29: 7:— |
| issued | Alexander Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen 7 Nights ..... | £36:15:— |
| issued | Seal & Patten for necessy Tubs for the Goal..... | £3: 7:— |
| issued | Thomas Greenleaf for publishing Laws &c..... | £2:12:— |
| issued | Wm Morton the like..... | £1:—:— |

Ordered that William Parsells be appointed a fireman to Engine No 14 vice Abm Moore removed And Ezekiel Robins to Engine No 1 vice Enoch Robins resigned.

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* Marginal note reads *Man[a]gers of Lottery Acctˢ* Apparently this is a memorandum of the clerk.—Ed.

[149] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 22d day of Augt 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Jeremiah Wool
John Wylley
Daniel McCormick
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theophilus Beekman
Nicholas Bayard
} Esqrs Aldn

John Pintard
George Harsen
William J Elsworth
George Janeway
Stephen McCrea
} Assistts

A Petition against the carrying into immediate execution the late Regulation for digging out Murray Street was read & rejected.

Petitions of Benjamin Palmer and Allen Cameron to be appointed Measurers of Grain were read & rejected

A Petition for the removal of the Well at Mr Crugers in Broad Street to the Corner of Marketfield Street was read & granted: provided it be done at the expence of the Neighborhood

Estimates & Assessments for the new paving of Beaver Street, Marketfield Street & Stone Street were respectively read & ratified by the Board & Aert Huysman was appointed to collect the Monies & John Stagg & George Gosman were appointed to [150] superintend the paving of the said Streets.

The like for the new paving of Mill Street was read & ratified by the Board & William Gilbert was appointed to collect the Monies & Messrs Stagg & Gosman to superintend the paving of the said Street

The like for compleating the foot Walks in Cortlandt Street was read & ratified by the Board and Thomas Lafoy was appointed to collect the Monies & Messrs Stagg and Gosman to superintend the laying of the said foot Walks.

And the like for the regulating & digging out of Murray Street was read & ratified by the Board and Thomas Lafoy was appointed to collect the Monies and Peter Van Orden Isaac Halsey Wm Beekman & Wm Van Tessel were appointed to superintend the digging out of the said Street.

Be it ordained that the Ordinance passed the 28th July last for regulating & paving a foot Walk in *Great George Street, be & the same is repealed.

Ordered that Richard Furman be appointed in the stead of George Dominick to make the Estimate & Assessment for regulating the Bowery Lane.

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—Ed.

issued [151] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to pay Wm Sloo the Sum of £20 as a gratuity for his extraordinary Services in taking Fish for the use of the Alms House & Bridewell last Season

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| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | £36:15:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the like & for cleans the Watch Hs.... | 37: 7:— |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps..... | 35:10: 8 |
| issued | The same for the ballce of his annual Acct..... | 75:11:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for 1 Qr Services & Disbursmts..... | 10: 7:— |
| issued | Daniel Burger for repairs to the public Pumps in Monts & the Out Wards..... | 36:11: 1 |
| issued | George Lindsay for squaring flatt Stone for the Corporation Houses in Chatham Street..... | 1: 0: 3 |

[152] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 29th day of Augt 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Daniel McCormick, Theophilus Beekman, John Wylley, Isaac Stoutenburgh } Esqrs Alds

John Pintard, Wm J Elsworth, Garret Harsen, John Van Dyk, Tobias Van Zandt } Assistts

A Petition stating certain inconveniences in the late Regulation of Catharine Street as it respects the late Regulation of the Bowery Lane was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition for the Regulation & paving of Hague Street was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition for the paving of Murray Street from Chappel to Greenwich Street was read Whereupon an Ordinance for paving the said Street was passed accordingly

An Ordinance for the new paving of Pearl Street was also passed.

An Estimate & Assessment for the digging out of Robinson Street was read & ratified by the Board And the Street Committee were directed to report a proper Person to collect the Monies and to superintend the Work.

And to report a Regulation for Bridge Street.

[153] The Person appointed to collect the Monies assessed for the filling in of Oliver Street represented to the Board that of two Lots bounded on the said Street and described by Lots No 155 & 244 he had not been able to discover the proprietors Whereupon it was

ordered that such Steps be taken with respect to the said two Lots as are directed by the Statute in such case made & provided.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay

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|---|---|---|
| issued | Aldn Stoutenburgh on account towards the Improvements at the Battery..... | £500:—:— |
| issued | Isaac Varian towards Repairs to the public Roads on Acct ..... | £60:—:— |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for the amt of his annual Acct as superintendt of the fire Engines..... | £96:16: 5½ |
| issued | John Walters for repairs to the Goal & Bridewell..... | £16:11:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen 7 Nights ..... | £36:15:— |
| issued | Simon Kiersted for Repairs to the public Pumps in the West Wd..... | £36: 0: 9 |

[154] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 5th day of Septr 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Theophs Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | Garret Harsen | Assistants |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Pintard | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Wm J Elsworth | |
| Daniel McCormick | | John Van Dyk | |

A Petition of Joseph Devoe to be appointed an Inspector of fire Wood; was read & the consideration postponed

A Petition of Thomas Ellison and others was read setting forth that in pursuance of an Order (some time since the late War) for regulating & paving the Broad Way they had at a considerable expence, paid for paving in front of their respective Lots, and therefore praying that the expence of new paving the said Street agreable to the late Regulation may be borne by the public Whereupon it was agreed by the Board that the expence of repaving such part of the said Street as shall have been paved agreable to the former Regulation & the expence borne by the proprietors ought to be paid by this Board.

Mr Mayor laid before the Board a plan of a Fence to complete the Improvemts in front of the Govt House; which was [155] examined and approved of by the Board And it was ordered that the Committee on the Improvements at the Battery & Govt House take order for the erection of the said Fence accordingly

A Petition of Gosen Ryerss and recommended by several of the Inhabitants in the Vicinity of the Whitehall Slip, proposing to this Board the running of a Street through his Lots* to correspond with the little Dock Street on condition that the Board would give him land in lieu thereof on Copsie Street; was read & referred to the Committee on the Improvements at the Battery.

A Petition of Gerardus Smith was read setting forth that in the new paving of Beaver Street the foot Walk in front of his House was not of equal breadth with that in front of his Neighbours: And it appearing to the Board that from the irregular Line of the range of the Houses on the North side of the said Street the foot Walk on that side could not without greater inconvenience be made of equal Wedth And it was therefore determined that no relief could be given him.

Ordered that the Well in Broad Street near the City Hall be filled up & that *that* the Neighborhood be permitted to sink another in a more convenient part of the Street & that this Board will contribute the usual Allowance: *pro-* [156] provided it be made seven foot diameter at Bottom & six at the Top.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treas$^{r}$ to pay.

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|---|---|---|
| issued | Alex$^{r}$ Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen 7 Nights ..... | £36:15:— |
| issued | Dan$^{l}$ Burger for Blacksmith Work to the public Pumps in Mont$^{g}$ W$^{d}$ ..... | £6:10: 9 |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 12$^{th}$ day of Sept$^{r}$ 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theophilus Beekman
Nicholas Bayard
Daniel M$^{c}$Cormick
Wynant Van Zandt
John Wylley
Jeremiah Wool
} Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

George Janeway
Garret Harsen
William J Elsworth
John Pintard
John Van Dyk
Stephen M$^{c}$Crea
} Assist$^{ts}$

John C Crygier—Grocer
John S Delameter—Taylor
} were admitted & sworn freemen

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh M$^{c}$Cormick & Beekman & Mess$^{rs}$ Pintard & Van Dyk be a Committee to examine the Treasurers Books and Acc$^{ts}$ & to report the same to the Board.

* Marginal note reads *Fronting the East river at the Battery.*—ED.

The Board proceeded to fix on the places in the respective Wards [157] at which the ensuing Election of Charter Officers shall be held and to nominate and appoint a Person in each Ward to preside at & be the Inspector or returning Officer of the said Election And the following Places were fixed upon & the following Persons were nominated & appointed accordingly

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|---|---|
| 1st Ward.....at the Exchange..... | William Cock |
| 2d Ward.....at the City Hall..... | John Jones |
| 3d Ward.....at the North Church..... | Joseph Winter |
| 4th Ward.....at St Pauls Church..... | William W Gilbert |
| 5th Ward.....at the House of Timothy.....<br>.....Titus in Cherry Street..... | James Tylee |
| 6th Ward.....at the Alms House..... | John Crolius Junr |
| 7th Ward.....at the House of Richard Varian in<br>.....the Bowery Lane..... ..... | Richard Furman |

When the Board took up the 6th Ward Aldn Wylley moved that the House of John Carrow at the Corner of Chatham & Thomas Streets be fixed upon and Mr Recorder moved as an Amendment that the Alms House be the place And on the Question being put it was carried in favor of the Alms House as follows vizt

| for the Alms House | against it |
|---|---|
| Mr Recorder | Aldn Van Zandt |
| Aldn McCormick | Aldn Beekman |
| Aldn Stoutenburgh | Aldn Wylley |
| Aldn Bayard | Mr Janeway |
| Aldn Wool | Mr Van Dyk |
| Mr Elsworth | Mr McCrea |
| Mr Pintard | Mr Harsen |

The Board being equally divided Mr Mayor decided for the Alms House.

[158] On reading a Letter from John Watts Esqr relative to a Well & Pump in Beaver Street opposite to his House.

Ordered that Aldn Van Zandt Mr Elsworth & Mr Janeway be a Committee to view the said Well & Pump and if they shall judge its situation improper that they take order for filling it up and if necessary to assign a more proper place for another.

A Petition of James Davidson praying the Board to fixed on a place for the storing of Pitch Tar &c was read & rejected.

Ordered that the Road Committee take a view of the middle Road & at Inchlambergh & report the State thereof to the Board.

Ordered that Mr McCrea, at his own request, be discharged from the Committee appointed to confer with Comfort Sands relative to the

Street laid out through the Corporation Land at Brooklyn and that Mr Elsworth be appointed in his stead.

Ordered that the Treasurer sell at public Auction the Materials of the Building lately used as a public slaughter House at Corlaers Hook to be removed by the first day of May next

[159] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Aldn Van Zandt the Sum of £50 on Acct towards working the Mud Drudge. | |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps from 26th July to 26th Augt last..... | £38: 2: 8 |
| issued | Daniel Burger for sundry Persons employed on Repairs of the public Wells and Pumps Out Wd..... | £6: 6:10 |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for Repairs to a Well & Pump in Dey Street ..... | £7: 4: 4 |
| issued | James Brown for removing the Fence at the New Dutch Church ..... | £5:10:— |
| issued | George Janeway for the ballce due on his acct for a Sink at the Goal..... | £13: 0: 3 |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen 7 Nights ..... | £36:15:— |
| issued | And for repairs the floor of the Fly Market..... | 0:10: 6 |

Mr Mayor represented to the Board that on the 24th March 1775 Grants passed under the Seal of this Corporation to Jacob Walton of a certain Water Lot situated at Hunters Key in the East Ward and described by No 9 And to Abraham Walton of another Water Lot adjoining the said Water Lot and described by No 8, to be delivered to the Parties on their executing the counterparts thereof. That it appears from the Book containing the counterpart of the Grants that neither of the said Parties have executed the counterparts of their said Grants. That he is informed and [160] believes it that the said Grant to the said Jacob Walton hath been delivered to him by Mr Van Cortlandt the former Clerk of this Corporation but that the other of the said Grants hath not been delivered. That the said Abraham Walton had represented to him that a mistake had taken place in the making out of the said two Grants with respect to the description of the said Water Lots for that the Lot No 8 ought to have been granted to the said Jacob Walton and that the Lot No 9 ought to have been granted to the said Abraham Walton. That in order to correct the said Mistake and remove the difficulties arising therefrom it was proposed that Gerard Walton Executor of the said Jacob Walton should release to the said Abraham Walton the Right granted by the Corporation to the said Lot No 9 and that then new Grants from

this Corporation should pass to the said Gerard Walton as Executor as aforesaid of the said Lot N° 8 instead of the said Lot N° 9 And to the said Abraham Walton of the said Lot N° 9 instead of the said Lot N° 8.

Whereupon it was ordered that the Clerk prepare the Drafts of the said new Grants accordingly.

[161] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 29th Septr 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Nicholas Bayard | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Garret Harsen | |
| Daniel McCormick | | William J Elsworth | |

The Committee appointed to examine & audit the Treasurers Books & Accounts delivered in a state of the Accounts with the following Report on the Subject vizt

"We the Subscribers appointed by an order of Common Council to examine the Books of the City Treasurer Do report that we have attended to the Business directed by the said Order. That there has been received since the last Settlement the Sum of Six thousand nine hundred & thirty six pounds eighteen Shillings & ten pence (including the ballance in the Treasury) And paid out as appears from the orders of Common Council the Sum of seven thousand two hundred & one pounds three Shillings & five pence half penny; which leaves a ballance of two hundred & sixty four pounds four Shillings & seven pence [162] half penny due to the City Treasurer. That from a State of the Books there appears to be due to Effie Davis £39:19:8 To the City of New York £4530:14:4 & £264:4:7½ to the City Treasurer. The Amount of Outstanding Debts due on contracts for Common Lands £3036:2:11¼ & from the Outstanding Debts of the Revenue £1798:15:8¾

Septr 21st 1791

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Daniel McCormick
John Pintard
Theos Beekman
John Van Dyk.

This being the Day appointed in & by the Charter of this City for the election of the several Charter Officers the Clerk informed the

Board that he had not yet received all the Returns or Poll Lists of the Elections held in the respective Wards.

The Board then proceeded to the nomination & appointment of a Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City for the ensuing Year and Daniel Phœnix was duly nominated & appointed accordingly.

Mr Mayor was then pleased to name & appoint James Culbertson to be High Constable for the ensuing Year.

A Receipt from Daniel Phœnix Treasurer was read & filed; from which it appears that the Committee pursuant to the Order of the day of [163] last had directed the printing of & had paid or delivered to the Treasurer Notes to be by him issued as a subst[it]ute for small Change to the amount of £912.

A Release from the Representatives of Anthony Rutgers decd of the Soil under Water of the *fresh Water Pond was presented to the Board and approved & accepted.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrants on the Treasurer to pay the consideration Money in the said Release expressed vizt

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| issued | To Anthony Lispenard | £50:—:— |
| | To Lewis Ogden as Exr of Antho A Rutgers decd | 50:—:— |
| | And to Egbert Benson as Exr of Mary Barclay decd | 50:—:— |
| | The amt of the considn Money | £150:—:— |
| issued | And also to pay Aldn McCormick for paper to print the small Notes | £10: 3: 6 |
| issued | Isaac Meade for new rooffing of the Comn Council Chamber | £59:17: 1 |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth on acct towards the new placing of the public Lamps | £50:—:— |

An Estimate & Assessment for the new paving of Pearl Street was read & ratified by the Board & Aert Huysman was appointed to collect the Monies & John Stagg & George Gosman to superintend the paving of the said Street.

* Marginal note reads *Collect.*—Ed.

[164] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 4th day of October 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Theophilus Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | John Van Dyk |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Stephen McCrea |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Tobias Van Zandt |
| | | John Pintard |

Pursuant to the directions of the Statute entitled "An Act for remitting the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of credit for the purposes therein mentioned" passed the 18th April 1786

Evert Bancker & Cornelius Ray Esqrs loan Officers of the City & County of New York laid before this Board the Books of Mortgages Minutes & Accounts by them taken & kept as Loan Officers as aforesaid and this Board having carefully inspected & examined the said Books Minutes & Accounts Do find that the said Loan Officers have received the Sum of £1572:2:6. being the full amount of Interest due on the third Tuesday of September last on the Sum of £31006 at 5 Pr Ct remaining [165] in their hands on the third Tuesday in June 1790 and that they have received the further Sum of £3895:7/ from sundry Persons on account for Principal and that after retaining thereout the Sum of £80 for their Salary they had paid the said two Sums amounting to £5467:9:6 into the Treasury of this State And further that the said Loan Officers have faithfully discharged the Trust in them reposed and performed their Duty in manner as by the said Statute is directed and required.

Pursuant to the directions of the Statute in such Case made & provided The Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City attended & produced to the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen for their Inspection & examination his accounts & vouchers of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Monies raised by Tax the last Year; which they found to be just & right and they certified the same accordingly

Ordered that a further Emission of Notes as a substitute for small Change in this City to the amount of £1000 be printed And that Aldn Van Zandt & Stoutenburgh & Mr Pintard be a Committee to procure paper & superintend the printing thereof

[166] The Clerk produced to the Board the Poll Lists of the

Election held in the several Wards of Charter Officers from which the following Persons appear to be elected. viz[t]

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st Ward | Alderman | Jeremiah Wool |
| | Assistant | William S Livingston |
| | Assessors | Theodorus J Hamilton, Thomas Barrow |
| | Collector | Aert Huysman |
| | Constables | Jonas Roe, John Craig |
| 2d Ward | Alderman | Wynant Van Zandt |
| | Assistant | John Pintard |
| | Assessors | John Jones, Edward Nicoll |
| | Collector | William Gilbert |
| | Constables | Bernard Newkerk, Abraham Martling |
| 3d Ward | Alderman | Peter Pra Van Zandt |
| | Assistant | Nicholas Carmer |
| | Assessors | Robert Benson, Abraham Duryee |
| | Collector | Hugh Montgomery |
| | Constables | David Burger, Isaiah Wool |
| 4th Ward | Alderman | Isaac Stoutenburgh |
| | Assistant | William J Elsworth |
| | Assessors | Cornelius C Roosevelt, George Stanton |
| | Collector | Thomas Lafoy |
| | Constables | John Reins, Robert Berwick |
| [167] | | |
| 5th Ward | Alderman | Theophilus Beekman |
| | Assistant | Tobias Van Zandt |
| | Assessors | Archibald Kerly, Peter Cole |
| | Collector | David Harriot |
| | Constables | John Fleming, William Cummings |
| 6th Ward | Alderman | John Wylley |
| | Assistant | George Janeway |
| | Assessors | James Vervelen, Charles Stewart |
| | Collector | John Fox |
| | Constables | William Campbell, John Carrow |

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| 7th Ward | | Alderman ..... | Nicholas Bayard |
| | | Assistant ..... | Stephen McCrea |
| | Bowery Division | Assessors ..... | John Leary<br>Charles Wright |
| | | Collector ..... | Richard Furman |
| | | Constables ..... | Francis White<br>John Deitz |
| | Haerlem Division | Assessors ..... | Andrew McGown<br>Jacob Nagel |
| | | Collector ..... | Cornelius Harsen |
| | | Constables ..... | John Murray<br>Samuel Meyers |

Ordered that the said several Persons be notified to attend on Friday the 14th Instant at 10 OClock in the forenoon to take and subscribe the Oaths by Law and the Charter of this City prescribed and directed.

[168] It being suggested to the Board that William S Livingston returned as an Assistant and Theodorus J Hamilton returned as an Assessor for the first Ward were not qualified agreable to the Charter of this City to serve in the said Offices respectively; they being neither Freemen of this City nor Freeholders in the said Ward

Ordered that the Clerk notify Mr Livingston & Mr Hamilton thereof and that they be requested to attend this Board in the Common Chamber on Wednesday the 12th Instant at 4 OClock in the Afternoon with Evidence, if any they have, to satisfy this Board of their eligibility to the said Offices respectively

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Murray Street from Chappel Street to Greenwich Street was read and ratified by the Board And Thos Lafoy was appointed to collect the Monies and David Hackle & John Crum were appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street.

Ordered that the Street Committee take order for the paving of Thomas Street the Corporation being the proprietor of all the Lots bounded on that Street

A Petition for the filling in and paving of Bancker Street was read & referred to the Street Committee to examine and report whether anything is necessary to be done and if practicable this Season.

[169] Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for the raising & new paving of Great Dock Street from White Hall Street to Moore's Street

Ordered that the Street Committee notify the Proprietors of Lots

fronting Rutgers Slip to fill up the Street to the Bulkhead agreable to their Engagement

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Aldn Stoutenburgh the further Sum of £100 on Acct towds Improvemts at Battery And to the followg Persons the followg Sums viz[t]

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| issued | Joseph Shelvey for 1 Qr Salary as public Whipper due the 27th Ulto | £8:15:— |
| issued | John McComb for surveying several Streets | 18: 1:— |
| issued | Casimir T. Gœrck for the like | 37: 8:— |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps | 39:18:— |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to the public Roads | 78:18: 6 |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for extra Expences in the fire Engine Departmt at the late fire in Duke & Mill Streets | 3: 2: 1 |
| issued | Simon Kierstead for Repairs to Pumps in the North Wd | 32: 1: 7 |
| issued | Aldn Stoutenburgh for Repairs to the public Wharf North River | 30:11: 5 |
| issued | Isaac Meade for new rooffing the Common Council Chamber | 59:17: 1 |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the City Watchmen 2 Weeks | 73:10:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for the like 1 Week | 36:15:— |

[170] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 12th day of October 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | George Janeway | Assistants |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | William J Elsworth | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | John Van Dyk | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | John Pintard | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Stephen McCrea | |

Theodorus J Hamilton elected an Assessor in the first Ward attended agreable to the notification delivered him by the Clerk pursuant to the order of the last Meeting and admitted that he was not a free Man of this City and that he was not a freeholder in the Ward. Whereupon his Election was declared by the Board to be void.

William S. Livingston in like manner attended the Board agreable to the order of the last Meeting and expressed his Opinion "that this Board could not legally enter into the consideration or determination of any Question with respect to the qualification of a Member elect whose time of service did not commence until the 14th

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| 7th Ward | | Alderman ..... | Nicholas Bayard |
| | | Assistant ..... | Stephen McCrea |
| | Bowery Division | Assessors ..... | John Leary<br>Charles Wright |
| | | Collector ..... | Richard Furman |
| | | Constables ..... | Francis White<br>John Deitz |
| | Haerlem Division | Assessors ..... | Andrew McGown<br>Jacob Nagel |
| | | Collector ..... | Cornelius Harsen |
| | | Constables ..... | John Murray<br>Samuel Meyers |

Ordered that the said several Persons be notified to attend on Friday the 14th Instant at 10 OClock in the forenoon to take and subscribe the Oaths by Law and the Charter of this City prescribed and directed.

[168] It being suggested to the Board that William S Livingston returned as an Assistant and Theodorus J Hamilton returned as an Assessor for the first Ward were not qualified agreable to the Charter of this City to serve in the said Offices respectively; they being neither Freemen of this City nor Freeholders in the said Ward

Ordered that the Clerk notify Mr Livingston & Mr Hamilton thereof and that they be requested to attend this Board in the Common Chamber on Wednesday the 12th Instant at 4 OClock in the Afternoon with Evidence, if any they have, to satisfy this Board of their eligibility to the said Offices respectively

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Murray Street from Chappel Street to Greenwich Street was read and ratified by the Board And Thos Lafoy was appointed to collect the Monies and David Hackle & John Crum were appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street.

Ordered that the Street Committee take order for the paving of Thomas Street the Corporation being the proprietor of all the Lots bounded on that Street

A Petition for the filling in and paving of Bancker Street was read & referred to the Street Committee to examine and report whether anything is necessary to be done and if practicable this Season.

[169] Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for the raising & new paving of Great Dock Street from White Hall Street to Moore's Street

Ordered that the Street Committee notify the Proprietors of Lots

fronting Rutgers Slip to fill up the Street to the Bulkhead agreable to their Engagement

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Aldn Stoutenburgh the further Sum of £100 on Acct towds Improvemts at Battery And to the followg Persons the followg Sums vizt

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| issued | Joseph Shelvey for 1 Qr Salary as public Whipper due the 27th Ulto | £8:15:— |
| issued | John McComb for surveying several Streets | 18: 1:— |
| issued | Casimir T. Gœrck for the like | 37: 8:— |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps | 39:18:— |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to the public Roads | 78:18: 6 |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for extra Expences in the fire Engine Departmt at the late fire in Duke & Mill Streets | 3: 2: 1 |
| issued | Simon Kierstead for Repairs to Pumps in the North Wd | 32: 1: 7 |
| issued | Aldn Stoutenburgh for Repairs to the public Wharf North River | 30:11: 5 |
| issued | Isaac Meade for new rooffing the Common Council Chamber | 59:17: 1 |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the City Watchmen 2 Weeks | 73:10:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for the like 1 Week | 36:15:— |

[170] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 12th day of October 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>John Wylley<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Theophilus Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | George Janeway<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>William J Elsworth<br>John Van Dyk<br>John Pintard<br>Stephen McCrea | Assistants |

Theodorus J Hamilton elected an Assessor in the first Ward attended agreable to the notification delivered him by the Clerk pursuant to the order of the last Meeting and admitted that he was not a free Man of this City and that he was not a freeholder in the Ward. Whereupon his Election was declared by the Board to be void.

William S. Livingston in like manner attended the Board agreable to the order of the last Meeting and expressed his Opinion "that this Board could not legally enter into the consideration or determination of any Question with respect to the qualification of a Member elect whose time of service did not commence until the 14th

Instant and when he supposed the present Board would die a political Death"

[171] Mr Recorder then made some observations to the Board on the Subject and it was determined nem: con, by the Board that they of right had the Power

Mr Livingston then proceeded to show that he ought to be considered as entitled to all the privileges of a Free Man of this City, altho' he had not been admitted as such under the Seal of this Corporation agreable to the Charter and observed that his Grandfather & his Father had been admitted and registered as Free Men of this City, That he was born & had served a regular Clerkship as an Attorney at Law in this City, and therefore concluded that he ought to be considered as eligible to a Seat at this Board.

Mr Recorder observed on Mr Livingston's reasoning and then the Question was put whether Mr Livingston was a Free Man of this City agreable to the Charter, and it was determined nem: con: in the negative.

Mr Livingston then declared that he was at the time of the Election & still continued to be a Freeholder in the Ward, and to the Truth of which he offered to make Oath but refused to produce other Evidence.

The Sense of the Board was then taken whether it would be proper in this Board to admit Mr Livingston's Oath as Evidence of his being a Freeholder; and it was determined nem: con: in the negative.

Whereupon it was unanimously determined that Mr Livingston's Election as an Assistant or Common Council Man was void.

[172] Ordered that Francis Pasman be appointed a Fire Man to Engine No 14 vice David Ackerman resigned.

Ordered that the Street Committee enquire whether the Lot of the Estate of Mr Blundel—the Lot of Mr Griswold & the Lot at the Corner of Broadway & Beaver Street are for sale & at what price they can be purchased & to report to the Board.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | Aldn Stoutenburgh on Acct towards the Improvemts at the Battery | £500: —: — |
| issued | George Janeway for the ballce of his acct for repairs to the Goal | £33: 7: 7½ |
| | And for Repairs & paints City Hall | £72: 18: 1½ |
| issued | Archibald Dunlap for repairs Pumps in the South Ward | £20: 7: 1 |
| | And in the East Ward | 3: 5: — |

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| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen | £36:15:— |
| | Alex[r] Lamb for the like | £36:15:— |
| issued | Thomas Lafoy for repaving the Broad Way in front of Lots which had lately been paved at the expence of the proprietors | £95: 2: 2 |
| issued | Martin Morrison for filling in the Street at the Market at Cath[n] Slip | £14: 1: 2½ |

[173] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 14[th] day of October 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

Esq[rs] Ald[n]: Jeremiah Wool, Wynant Van Zandt, Peter P Van Zandt, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Theophilus Beekman, John Wylley, Nicholas Bayard

Assist[t]: John Pintard, Nicholas Carmer, William J Elsworth, Tobias Van Zandt, George Janeway, Stephen McCrea

His Excellency the Governor by & with the advice & consent of the Council of appointment having been pleased to appoint Richard Varick Esq[r] to the Offices of Mayor Water Bailiff & Clerk of the Market of this City, Marinus Willet Esq[r] Sheriff and John Campbell Gent Coroner of this City and County for the ensuing Year

M[r] Mayor attended by the Aldermen proceeded to wait upon his Excellency the Governor & took before him the Oaths prescribed by the Charter of this City & being returned his Commission as also that of the Sheriff were published with the usual Solemnities in the City Hall. Whereupon M[r] Mayor returned to the Common Council Chamber and administered to the several Aldermen [174] and Assistants above mentioned & to the several following Officers the Oaths of their respective Offices as prescribed in & by the Charter of this City. viz[t].

Marinus Willet Esq[r] Sheriff
John Campbell Gent. Coroner
Daniel Phœnix Esq[r] Treas[r] or Chamberlain

The Sheriff & Treas[r] produced Bonds for the due execution of their respective Offices; which were approved by the B[d]

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| John Jones | Assessors. | Jonas Roe | Constables |
| Edward Nicoll | | John Craig | |
| George Stanton | | Barnerd Newkerk | |
| Archibald Kerly | | Abraham Martling | |
| Peter Cole | | David Burger | |
| James Verveelen | | Isaiah Wool | |
| Charles Stewart | | John Reins | |
| Charles Wright | | Robert Berwick | |
| Andrew McGown | | John Fleming | |
| Jacob Nagel | | William Cummings | |
| | | William Campbell | |
| James Cubertson. high Constable | | John Carrow | |
| | | Francis White | |
| | | John Dietz | |
| | | John Murray | |

Ordered that Thomas Barrow Assessor for the 1st Ward, Cornelius C Roosevelt Assessor for the 4th Ward, John Leary Assessor for the Bowery Division of the 7th Ward [175] and Samuel Myers Constable of Harlem Division of the 7th Ward (neither of whom have appeared) be notified to attend at the next Common Council to take their respective Oath's of Office.

Robert Benson Clerk of this City & County & exofficio now attending this Board as Clerk informed the Board that from the Poll List of the third Ward it appeared that he was elected to the Office of Assessor for the said Ward, that altho' he felt himself disposed chearfully to take upon himself the execution of the Office; yet he conceived the Office of Assessor to be incompatible with that of Clerk and therefore conceived it to be his Duty to decline serving & refused to take the Oath's prescribed for an Assessor accordingly.

Abraham Duryee the other Assessor elected for the same Ward attended & informed the Board that by reason of his advanced Age & infirmity of body he could not take upon himself the execution of the said Office and refused to take the Oaths accordingly.

Thereupon ordered that an Election be held at the North Church in the 3d Ward on Monday the 24th Inst. of two Assessors in the stead of the said Robert Benson & Abraham Duryee And also that an Election be held in the 1st Ward at Trinity Church on the same Day of an Assistant in the stead of William S Livingston and of an Assessor in the stead of Theodorus J Hamilton

[176] Ordered that Aldn W. Van Zandt & Messrs Pintard & Carmer be the standing Committee to examine and audit all accounts which shall from time to time be presented to this Board for payment

Ordered that Ald[n] P. Van Zandt, Stoutenburgh & Beekman & Mess[rs] Pintard Janeway M[c]Crea & Elsworth be the standing Committee for Roads & Streets.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 25[th] day of Oct[r] 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Theophilus Beekman | | Stephen M[c]Crea |
| John Wylley | | Nicholas Carmer |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | George Janeway |
| Peter P. Van Zandt | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | William J Elsworth Assist[ts] |
| Jeremiah Wool | | John Van Dyk |
| Nicholas Bayard | | John Pintard |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Tobias Van Zandt |

On reading a Petition of Isaac Nicoll relative to Hoboock Ferry.

Ordered that the Treasurer sell the said Ferry at public Vendue on the 1[st] Dec[r] next for the Term of three Years from the 1[st] May next —the purchasor to keep the Stairs in Repair at his own expence

[177] A Petition of John Leake & James M[c]Intosh relative to their House presented by the Grand Jurors at the last Sessions as an encroachm[t] on Cortlandt Street was read. & filed.

A Petition of Jacob Mott to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read & postponed.

The Poll List of the Election held in the 3[d] Ward of two Assessors was presented to the Board from which it appears that Richard Lawrence & William G Miller were duly elected and it was ordered that they be notified to attend and take the Oath prescribed by the Charter

The Poll List of the Election held in the first Ward of an Assistant & an Assessor was also presented to the Board. Whereupon M[r] John Van Dyk observed to the Board that as he had the next greatest numbers of Votes at the Election held on the 29[th] Ult[o] to William S Livingston who was declared ineligible, he conceived that, agreable to the Charter, he ought to be considered as duly elected and entitled to his Seat; and he therefore demanded his Seat accordingly.

Whereupon the Board determined to take the Opinion of Counsel on the [178] Subject and the following State of the Case was made and agreed to by the Board to be delivered to Mess[rs] Egbert Benson, John Cozine, Richard Harison & John M[c]Kesson for their Opinions thereon. viz[t].

" John Van Dyk was duly elected an Assistant in the Corporation

of the City of New York on the 29th Septr 1790 and took the Oaths required by Law on the 14th of October following. At the Election for Charter Officers held the 29th Septr 1791 William S Livingston and the said John Van Dyk were Candidates for the Office of Assistant in the first Ward; And the said William S Livingston had the greatest number of Votes for that Office, But the said William S Livingston was not qualified to serve in that Office, not being a Freeman of the said City nor a Freeholder in the said Ward; The Question therefore is whether the Common Council of the said City can or ought of right to order a new Election for an Assistant in the said Ward, or whether the said John Van Dyk is to be considered as duly elected having the greatest number of Votes next to the said Wm S Livingston, or whether the said John Van Dyk ought to hold his Seat under his former Election."

[179] On a suggestion that the Law or Ordinance for the prevention of Fires was inadequate to the Purpose it was Ordered that Mr Recorder revise the said Law and report the same to the Board.

Ordered that the 26 stuffed Chairs remaining in the City Hall and which were formerly used by the Senate of the United States be removed to the Govt House for the use of that House

Ordered that Mr Janeway collect such other of the furniture provided for the City Hall as remains in the possession of Individuals & deposit the same in the City Hall.

Ordered that the Committee on Repairs to the Goal cause the Alarm Bell to be hung with a Wheel and that they direct the Glass Windows to be repaired

Ordered that Aldn Van Zandt & Messrs McCrea & Pintard be a Committee to enquire into the Dispute about the Road in the rear of Land late of Joachim at the 4 Mile Stone & report the same to the Board.

Ordered that the Neighborhood at Burlings Slip be permitted to sink a Well near the Mouth of the Drain under the direction of the Street Committee.

Ordered that Mr Elsworth cause to be repaired the private Buckets remaining in the Engine House.

[180] Mr Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from Colo Ebenezer Stevens with sundry papers on the Subject of sinking Wells in any part of the City to procure good Water; which were read & referred to the Street Committee.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to pay

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| issued | Isaac Varian on Acct towds Roads | £70:—:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for the Watch | £37:13:— |
| | Alexr Lamb for the like | £36:15:— |
| issued | Jameson Cox for subsisting criminal prisoners in Goal | £19:10: 2 |
| issued | John Midwinter for Blacksmith Work to the Mud Scow | £35: 7: 2 |
| issued | Wm & Peter Ustick for Nails &c for the same | 10: 4: 5 |
| issued | Wm Valleau for building the same | £152:12: 7 |
| issued | John Campbell Coroners Acct | £15:16:— |
| issued | John Goodeve for Box Candles | £2: 8:— |

[181] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 7th November 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Peter P Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Van Dyk | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Nicholas Bayard | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | William J Elsworth | |

The Committee on the Accts of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell reported that they examined the said Accts & found them right;

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| Those of the Alms House for the last Quarter amounting to | £1795:17: 6¼ |
| Bridewell | 479:13: 8 |

An Estimate of the Commissioners for the ensuing Quarter was presented to the Board & approved vizt.

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| for the Alms House | £1400:—:— |
| for the Bridewell | 200:—:— |

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to pay the said Sum to the Commissioners accordingly [182] And to pay the followg Persons vizt

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| issued | Peter Van Orden on Acct towards the Contract for filling in Thames Slip | £190:—:— |
| issued | Frederick Stymets & John Brower for the Support of the Wife & 3 blind Children of William Wentworth... who is ordered to the Alms House. | £10:—:— |
| issued | Henry Riker for the support of Robert Smith | £5:—:— |

A petition of John Holdron relative to paulus Hook Ferry was read & referred to the Aldn of the 4th & the Assistts of the 2d & 5th Wards.

A Letter from Dr Bridgen relative to the Cross Road which he undertook to repair was read & referred to the Road Committee.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | John Walter for Repairs to the Oil House..... | £17: 0: 2 |
| issued | Henry Dawson for Taxes & Repairs & Expences of Committees at the Brooklyn Ferry House..... | £21: 8: 3 |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | £36:15:— |
| issued | Wm Sloo for the Constables & Marshalls conveying Vagrants to Bridewell..... | £26:—:— |

[183] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 10th day of November 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | John Pintard | Assistts |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | William J Elsworth | |
| Theophs Beekman | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | George Janeway | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Stephen McCrea | |
| John Wylley | | Tobias Van Zandt | |

Ordered that the Clerk wait upon the Gentlemen of the Law to whom was referred the Case of the Election of William S. Livingston & request their Opinions by the next Meeting.

Aldn Wool moved for the Sense of the Board Whether Mr Van Dyk ought to take his Seat as an Assistant at this Board.

The Question being put on the said Motion it passed in the Affirmative by all the Members except Aldn Wool & Wylley.

Thereupon resolved that it is the Opinion of this Board that Mr Van Dyk ought to hold his Seat as an Assistant at this Board until another fit Person be sworn in, in his Room and Place.

On the Question on this Resolution, Aldn Wool alone voted in the Negative.

[184] Mr Recorder having according to order revised the Law for preventing & extinguishing Fires; he reported the same to the Board and it being read and considered by Paragraphs was passed by the Board and ordered to be printed in the public News Papers The Title thereof is "A Law for the better preventing & extinguishing of Fires in the City of New York."

The Board then proceeded to nominate and appoint the Fire

Wardens in the respective Wards as directed in & by the said Law, and the following Persons were nominated & appointed accordingly

| 1st Ward. | | 4th Ward |
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| John Remsen<br>Thomas Ludlow | } | George Stanton<br>Anthony Post |
| 2d Ward | | 5th Ward |
| Walter Bicker<br>George Harsen | } | John Franklin<br>Benjamin Egberts |
| 3d Ward | | 6th Ward |
| Jeronimus Alstyne<br>William Hardenbrook | } | William Arnold<br>Jacob Harsen |

7th Ward.

Richard Varian
Charles Wright

Ordered that Mr Pintard & Mr Elsworth cause to be provided the Wands, Caps & Speaking Trumpets mentioned in the said Law.

Resolved & ordered that the Treasurer pay the amount of all the Fines which shall from time to time be recovered & received by virtue of the said Law, to the Engineer of the Firemen to be appropriated in such manner as the Fire Men shall direct

[185] The following Report of the Street Committee was read and agreed to by the Board vizt

" The Street Committee report That they have caused a Survey to be made of the several following Streets with a view to the Regulation thereof in conformity to their connection with Broad Street and Whitehall Street and are of Opinion that the following Regulation is the most convenient that can be adopted. vizt

Great Dock Street beginning at the Kennel on the westerly side of Coenties Slip there to be raised one foot three Inches and from thence to descend two Inches on every ten feet to the Kennel easterly of Broad Street and to ascend two Inches on every ten feet to Moore Street, there to be raised one foot one Inch, and from thence to descend one Inch on every ten feet to the Easterly Kennel of Whitehall Street

Little Dock Street beginning at the Kennel on the Westerly side of Coenties Slip and ascending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 138 feet from thence descending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the easterly side of the Exchange; then beginning at the westerly side of the Exchange and ascending one and an half Inch [186] on every ten feet to the distance of 177 feet, from thence descending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to Moore

Street which is to be raised one foot two Inches and from thence to descend one Inch on every ten feet to the Kennel on the Easterly side of Whitehall Street

Front Street beginning at the Westerly side of Coenties Slip & ascending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 195 feet, from thence descending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the Kennel on the Easterly side of the Exchange, then beginning at the Kennel on the westerly side of the Exchange and there to raise three Inches and from thence ascending one Inch on every ten feet to Moore Street there to be raised one foot one Inch and from thence descending one & an half Inch on every ten feet to Whitehall Street

Moore Street beginning at the southerly side of Great Dock Street there to be raised one foot one Inch and thence ascending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 18 feet 6 Inches from thence descending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to Little Dock [187] Street which is to be raised one foot two Inches, thence ascending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the distance of 128 feet, thence descending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to Front Street and from thence descending one and an half Inch on every ten feet to the Wall Plate of the Dock. Should this Report be adopted by the Board Your Committee are of Opinion that so much of the Regulation of Little Dock Street and Moore Street should be carried into immediate execution as may conveniently be done the present Season and the remainder as early the next Spring as the Season will permit.

Novr 9th 1791.

Peter P Van Zandt C.
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Stephen McCrea
George Janeway
Willm J Elsworth
John Pintard

Surveys of the several Streets mentioned in the said Report were also presented & approved Then an Ordinance for the paving of Moore Street and also for the paving of Little Dock Street from the Exchange to the Easterly side of White Hall Street passed the Bd accordingly

The Committee on the Road at the House of the late Joachim's at the 4 Mile Stone made a Report on the Subject Whereupon resolved that in consideration of the Sum of £20 this Board will release to Mr

Francis B Winthrop the Old Road which formerly passed between his Land and the Land formerly occupied by the said Joachim.

[188] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | Alexr Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen..... | £36:15:— |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps..... | £41: 6: 4 |
| issued | Myndert Gerrebrants for Carpenters Work & Aldn Beekman for Timber to prevent the running out of Barley Street .....the first | £0: 8:— |
| | the latter | 1: 4:— |
| | | £1:12:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 17th Novr 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Peter P Van Zandt | John Pintard |
| Jeremiah Wool | John Van Dyk |
| Nicholas Bayard | George Janeway |
| John Wylley | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Willm J Elsworth |
| Theophilus Beekman | Nicholas Carmer |

Alderman Wylley presented to the Board a paper Writing subscribed by himself & Aldn Wool, purporting to be their Reasons for dissent on the two Questions taken & carried in the Affirmative at the last Meeting relative to Mr Van Dyk; which said Paper Writing Aldn Wylley moved should be entered at length on the Minutes. [189] Upon which Debates arose and the Question being put on the said Motion it passed in the Negative by all the Members except Aldn Wylley & Wool.

Whereupon Mr Recorder moved that the said Paper should remain filed with the Clerk. And the Question being put on the said Motion it passed in the Affirmative by all the Members except Aldn Wool & Wylley.

The Street Committee on the Petition agt the late Regulation of Catharine Street delivered in a Report which was read & postponed.

A Petition of Danl Goldsmith for Compensation as Goaler & Keeper of the Bridewell in the Year 1776 was read & referred to Aldn Stoutenburgh & Messrs Van Dyk & Janeway.

Resolved that this Board will celebrate the 8th Anniversary of the Evacuation of this City by the British Troops, and that a public Dinner be provided at Corre's Hotel on Friday the 25th Inst accordingly

Ordered that the Clerk with the Advice of Mr Pintard take Order for the necessary Arrangement of the said *Dinner and also to provide a Quantity of †Gun Powder not exceeding 250lb for the use of the Militia on that Day.

[190] Ordered that the following Persons be appointed Fire Men of this City vizt

Isaac Van Dyk, Frederick Miller & Benjamin Strong to Engine No 13—vice Wm Simon, Thomas Saunders & William Bockey resigned.

William Van Wert to engine No 6 vice John Simmons, removed.

And John Menues, John P Roome & Peter Embury to Engine No 14 vice Jacobus Bogert, Jacob Ressler & John Spiese resigned.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | Archd Dunlap for Repairs to Pumps in the Dock Ward | £4: 1: 6 |
| issued | Edwd Meeks for Blacksmith's Work to the Lamp Department | £8: 3:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for 1 Qr Allowance & Disbursemts | £10: 9:— |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to the public Roads | £65: 1: 5 |

[191] City of New York } At a Common Council held on Friday the 25th November 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>Peter P Van Zandt<br>John Wylley<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Tobias Van Zandt<br>George Janeway<br>Stephen McCrea<br>William J Elsworth<br>Nicholas Carmer |

Assistts

Ordered that the Constables & Marshalls be allowed the Sum of £10:— towards their Expences in celebrating this anniversary Day of the Evacuation of this City by the British Troops.

Ordered that the Curtains in the City Hall which were left by the Senate of the United States be removed to the Govt House.

A Petition of John Blagge & Thomas Ivers for a Lease of the

* Marginal note reads *See Warrant for expenses. P. 194.*—Ed.
† Marginal note reads *do do do* —Ed.

Soil under Water at the Slaughter House at Corlaers Hook was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr
issued to pay James Culbertson & Alexr Lamb each £36:15/
for their Companies of City Watchmen..... £73:10:—

[192] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 12th day of Decr 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Nicholas Bayard
Jeremiah Wool
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Peter P Van Zandt
Theophs Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
John Wylley
} Esqrs Aldn

Nicholas Carmer
Tobias Van Zandt
Wm J Elsworth
John Van Dyk
George Janeway
Stephen McCrea
} Assistts

Mr Mayor informed the Board that a communication had been made to him by some Gentlemen of this City who had formed themselves into a Society for the Relief of indigent & distressed Debtors confined in Goal suggesting the necessity of erecting a Wall round the Goal to the end that the Prisoners might walk in the Yard & take the benefit of fresh Air & Exercise; which the Society conceived would tend to the more comfortable accommodation of the Prisoners & prevent the Distempers which frequently attend close confinement.

[193] Ordered that the said Subject be referred to the Street Committee to report a Plan of such Wall with an Estimate of the Expence.

Richard Varian having declined to accept the appointment of one of the Fire Wardens of this City for the seventh Ward Heziah Ivers was appointed in his stead.

The Treasurer reported that pursuant to the order of the Board of the 25th October last he had sold the Ferry from this City to Hoboken for the Term of three Years at the annual Rent of £91—to Joseph Smith.

Ordered that a Lease be prepared accordingly.

The Committee on the Petition of John Holdron relative to the Ferry from this City to Paulus Hook reported that the said Ferry ought to be sold for the Term of three Years at public Vendue in like manner as that to Hoboken which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Treasurer sell the said Ferry on the 29th Instant accordingly

The Committee on the Petition of Daniel Goldsmith reported that he ought to be compensated & allowed for his
issued Services as Keeper of the Bridewell three Months in the Year 1776 & for his disbursements the Sum of £31. which was agreed to by the Board And a Warrt to him for that Sum was ordered accordingly

[194] Aldn Peter P. Van Zandt stated to the Board certain Facts relative to the paving of the Street in front of his Lot at the Corner of Queen & King Streets which were supported by a Certificate of James Dunlap & Thomas McFarren Whereupon it was ordered that the deduction directed to be made out of the Sum reported by the Committee on the 24th Decr last as due to him for building Stone used in the Drain at Burlings Slip be rescinded.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Rinier Skaats on Acct for fire Wood for the Ct Room Watch House &..... | £20:—:— |
| issued | Aldn Stoutenburgh on Acct towards compleatg Improvemts at the Battery & Govt House..... | £300:—:— |
| issued | Elias Burger Junr on Acct towards repairing the Wharf at Brooklyn ..... | £100:—:— |
| issued | Joseph Corre for the Expences of the public Dinner on the celebration of the anniversary of the Evacuation of this City by the British Troops..... | £37: 3: 8 |
| issued | Christopher Beakley for the like allowed the Constables & Marshalls ..... | £10:—:— |
| issued | Mr Clarkson for Gun Powder..... | £8:—:— |
| issued | Mr Sands for the like..... | £12:—:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen 7. Nights ..... | £36:15:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the like..... | £41:11:— |
| issued | John Walter for Repairs to Goal..... | £12:18: 6 |
| issued | [195] Isaac Varian for the Ballce of his acct for Repairs to the public Roads..... | £77:10:— |
| issued | Nichs N Anthony for Leather in the fire Engine Department ..... | £8: 5: 2 |
| issued | Samuel Delamater for Repairs to fire Buckets..... | £10: 3: 5 |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for the Lamp Department 1 Month... | £44:17: 4 |
| issued | Childs & Swaine for printing..... | £26: 6:— |
| issued | Wm Sloo Junr for himself & others for pursuing Joseph Rodman Junr charged with the Murder of Edwd Compton ..... | £15:15: 6 |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 23d day of Decr 1791

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Wynant Van Zandt<br>Jeremiah Wool<br>Peter P Van Zandt<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>John Wylley<br>Theophs Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth<br>Nicholas Carmer<br>John Van Dyk<br>George Janeway<br>John Pintard | Assistts |

The Opinions of Messrs Harison, Cozine & McKesson on the Case stated by the Board on the 25th October last relative to the Election in the 1st Ward, were presented [196] to the Board and read And the Consideration thereof was postponed until the next Meeting.

Ordered that Andrew Hageman Andrew Norwood and Peter H Wendover be appointed Measurers of Grain.

Ordered that the follows Persons be appointed Fire Men of this City vizt

Isaac Hadley & John Meyers to Engine No 6 vice Valentine Vaughan and Jacob Day, declined.

Jonas Humbart to No 15 vice Abraham Anderson resigned

Richard Williamson, William Quick & Isaac Moore to No 11 vice Jeremiah Jessup removed, Andrew Meyers resigned and James Ketchum displaced for improper Conduct

A proposal was made to the Board by Mr Nathl Hawkshurst & some others in the vicinity of Burlings Slip & Queens Street to provide at their own expence a fire Engine & a proper place for its reception if the Board will be pleased to appoint them fire Men of this City; which offer was accepted by the Board.

Archibald Kerly & the other fire Men of the Engine in Cherry Street suggested to the Board that the said Engine is too small & prayed the Bd to order a larger one in it's stead Whereupon it was ordered that Aldn P. Van Zandt & Messrs Van Dyk & Janeway be a Committee to take order for the procuring of an Engine of a proper [197] size in the place of that in Cherry Street which is to be removed to the Alms House And also to direct the Size of the Engine (& the place for its deposit) to be provided by Mr Hawkshurst & others.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Aert Huysman for the Corporation's proportion of paving Pearl Street | £12:19:10 |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen one Week | £47:19:— |
| issued | And for an omission in his last Acct | 3: 4:— |
| | | 51: 3:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the like one Week | £47:19:— |
| issued | John Stagg & Geo. Gosman for paving sundry Streets | £47:15:10½ |
| issued | John Stagg for the like | £30:16: 6 |
| issued | Richd Varick Esqr for Costs in a Suit of the Corporation agt Saml Farmer | £3: 8:— |
| issued | and for Drs Release from Mr Verplanck | 3:—:— |
| | | £6: 8:— |
| issued | Aldn Van Zandt for Repairs to Coenties Dock | £2: 9: 6 |

[198] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 29th Decr 1791.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Peter P. Van Zandt
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
John Wylley
Nichs Bayard
Theophs Beekman
} Esqrs Aldn

William J Elsworth
John Van Dyk
Nicholas Carmer
Wynant Van Zandt
George Janeway
} Assistts

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the Opinions of Messrs Harison, Cozine & McKesson presented & read at the last Meeting.

And the following Question was proposed and being put was carried in the Affirmative vizt Whether in case the Person having the greatest number of Votes should be ineligible to the Office, the Person having the next greatest number of Votes, & being eligible, ought not to be considered duly elected.

Resolved as the Opinion of this Board that in case the Person having the greatest number of Votes should be ineligible to the Office, the Person having the next greatest number of Votes & being eligible ought to be considered duly elected.

[199] Ordered that the Assessors who have not attended and taken the Oaths of Office be notified to attend on Friday next

Ordered that Joseph Meeks, John J. Delamater & Aaron Howel be appointed Measurers of Grain.

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| issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay the Clks of the late Elections of Charter Officers the Sum of sixteen Shillgs each amountg to.. | £14: 8:— |
| issued | Aldn W Van Zandt for the ballce of his Acct of the Expences in working the Mud Drudge in cleaning the Slips ..... | £68: 2: 7 |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey public Whipper for one Quarter Services ..... | £8: 15:— |
| issued | Nichs Carmer for Repairs to the Bridge at Pecks Slip.. | £2: 3: 7 |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for one Mth lighting the public Lamps | £46: 8:— |

[200] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held on Friday the 6th day of January 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Theophilus Beekman
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Jeremiah Wool
Wynant Van Zandt
Nicholas Bayard
} Esqrs Aldn

John Pintard
Nicholas Carmer
William J Elsworth
Tobias Van Zandt
} Assistts

The Treasurer reported that pursuant to the Order of the 12th Decr the Ferry from this City to Powlus Hook had been sold at public Vendue to Mr John Holdran for the Term of three Years from the 1st May next at the rate of three hundred Eighty Pounds per annum —the purchaser to provide Stairs & other conveniences at his own expence

Ordered that a Lease be prepared accordingly.

The followg Assessors attended & took & subscribed the Oaths by Law & the Charter of this City prescribed and directed vizt

Thomas Barrow
Simon Schermerhorne ..... 1st Ward
William G Miller ..... 3d Ward
Cornelius C Roosevelt ..... 4th Ward
John Leary Junr ..... 7th Ward

Richard Lawrence elected an Assessor for the 3d Ward, being one of the People called Quakers and not compelled by Law to serve in the Office of Assessor, refused to serve.

Ordered that an Election be held in the said Ward at the North Church on Friday the 17th Instant of an Assessor in his stead.

Petitions from Henry Rutgers & [201] Nicholas Romaine for Grants of the Soil under Water opposite their respective Lands at Corlaers Hook were read & referred to the Street Committee

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| Mr Mayor laid before the Board an account of Monies by him received (pursuant to Charter) for Tavern Licenses in the Year 1791 amounting (after deducting thereout the usual Allowance to the Clerk and the Commission to Mr Gilbert for receiving the same to the Sum of | £538: 1: 8 |
| And for Market Fees | 1213: 9: 3 |
| | 1751: 10: 11 |
| That he had paid to the Treasurer | 1000: —: — |
| ballce | 751: 10: 11 |

Thereupon on Motion of Mr Recorder and by consent of Mr Mayor it was agreed and ordered that Mr Mayor retain in his hands the Sum of £720 of the said ballce as a Compensation for his proportion of those Fees and that he pay the residue to the Treasurer.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Wm J Elsworth the Sum of £20 on acct towards the fire Department | |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for the Ballce of his Acct for new placing the public Lamps | £111: 7: 8 |
| issued | James Culbertson & Alexr Lamb each the Sum of £47: 19 for their Companies of City Watch. | |

[202] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 16th day of Janr 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Theophs Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | William J Elsworth | Assistts |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | John Van Dyk | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Nichs Carmer | |
| Nicholas Bayard | | George Janeway | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Stephen McCrea | |

The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board vizt

The Auditors to whom was referred the liquidation of the Acct of the present Mayor of Market Fees and Tavern Licence Fees do report that they have examined and liquidated the same account and that it appears that the Mayor has received from William W. Gilbert Esqr for Tavern Licence Fees agreable to Charter the Sum of £672: 12: and that he has allowed Mr Gilbert the Sum of thirty five Pounds eight Shillings on the whole Sum recd by him.

[203] That the Mayor has also received for Market Fees from the third day of Jan$^{y}$ to the 31$^{st}$ day of December last from Rinier Skaats the Sum of £312:19:11 and from James Culbertson the Sum of £900:9:4 amount$^{g}$ in the whole to £1213:9:3. That he has paid to M$^{r}$ Phœnix the Chamberlain the Sum of £400 on acc$^{t}$ of Tavern Licences and £631:10:11/ on acc$^{t}$ of Market Fees; And that he has also paid to Robert Benson Esq$^{r}$ the Clerk the Sum of £134:10:4 on acc$^{t}$ of Tavern Licence Fees And that he has retained in his Hands the Sum of £720 being the ball$^{ce}$ to his own use agreable to Composition with the Board

New York — Wynant Van Zandt
Jan$^{y}$ 12$^{th}$ 1792 — Nicholas Carmer

A Petition of John Gilbert praying an abatement of Rent for the Powder Magazine for the Years 1789 & 1790 that instead of £41 he may be charged only £10 per Annum for those Years was read & granted.

issued — Ordered that there be allowed to W$^{m}$ Hopson the Sum of £5 as a Compensation for the bodily Injury he received at the late Fire in John's Street & that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treas$^{r}$ for that Sum accordingly

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Beekman & Mess$^{rs}$ Janeway & M$^{c}$Crea be a Committee to report what Compensation ought to be allowed to [204] James Culbertson for the bodily Injury he received as Cap$^{t}$ of the City Watch in suppression [of] a Riot in the Night last Winter and apprehending the Ringleaders And also that the Committee enquire whether such Injury was received by any of the Watchmen on that occasion as to entitle them to any & what Compensation.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Van Dyk be one of the Street Committee instead of M$^{r}$ Elsworth

Ordered that Joseph Stringham be appointed a Fire Man & one of the Fire Warden of this City for the fifth Ward in the stead of John Francklin who declines serving.

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House be authorized to issue thirty Cords of the public Wood to such persons as they shall consider indigent & necessitous.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Beekman & P. Van Zandt and M$^{r}$ Van Zandt be a Committee to confer with the Proprietors of the Lots which lie in the way of continuing Franckfort Street into Queen Street & to consult the Neighborhood on the Subject and whether they will contribute to the purchasing those Lots.

Ordered that Robert McCullen & Michael Brooks to engine N° 9 vice Daniel Ackerman & —— Deforrest resigned And Andrew Cock & Peter McEachan to Engine N° 12 vice Jacob Seaman Junr & Abraham Franklin resigned [205] be appointed Fire Men of this City.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | James Hill for repairs to public Lamps..... | £26: 8:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | £47: 19:— |
| | & 4 additional Watchmen at the Fire..... | 16:— |
| | | 48: 15:— |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for speaks Trumpets for the Fire Wardens ..... | £3: 6: 6 |
| issued | Wm Hardenbrook for the like..... | £2: 2:— |
| issued | Silas Totten for Tea Water at the late Fire in front Street ..... | £3: 5:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 23d January 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Jeremiah Wool
John Wylley
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
Peter P Van Zandt
Theophs Beekman
} Esqrs Aldn

William J Elsworth
John Van Dyk
Stephen McCrea
George Janeway
Nicholas Carmer
} Assists

Ezekiel Robins elected an Assessor in the third Ward pursuant to the Order of the 6th Instant attended and, after assigning Reasons why he could not serve in that Office, refused to take the Oaths by Law prescribed & directed

[206] Ordered that an Election be held in the said Ward at the usual Place on the twenty eighth day of febv next of an Assessor in his stead.

A Petition of David Ackerman for a Grant of the Soil under Water in Hudsons River in front of his Lot was read & referred to Aldn Stoutenbgh & the Assistants of the 1st & 4th Wards.

Ordered that the Commissrs of the Alms House distribute in their Discretion to the Necessitous 50 Cords of the public fire Wood laid up at the Alms House.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | The Commissrs of the Alms House the Sum of £50 to be by them distributed to the Relief of poor & necessitous Families in this inclement Season. | |

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| | Alex[r] Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen..... | £47:19:— |
| issued | & for 4 additional Watchmen at the late Fire in front Street ..... | 16:— |
| | | £48:15:— |

[207] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 6[th] feb[y] 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Peter P Van Zandt | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Tobias Van Zandt | Assistants |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | George Janeway | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | William J Elsworth | |
| John Wylley | | John Van Dyk | |
| Theoph[s] Beekman | | | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | | |

The Committee appointed to examine & audit the Commissioners Acc[ts] of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Q[r] reported that they had found them just viz[t]

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| Those of the Alms House..... | £1683: 2: 1 |
| Those of the Bridewell..... | 250:16:11¼ |

An Estimate of the Commissioners for the ensuing Quarter was read & approved viz[t]

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| For the Alms House..... | £1600:—:— |
| For the Bridewell..... | 200:—:— |
| | £1800:—:— |

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treas[r] to pay
issued the said Sum accordingly

Ordered that Ald[n] P Van Zandt & M[r] Janeway be added to the Committee for emitting & burning the Notes for small Change.

A Petition of James Tylee for a further Lease [208] of one of the Corporation Lots on which he wants to make further Improvements was read & referred to the Treasurer to enquire into and report on.

Ordered that the Commiss[rs] of the Alms House sell or distribute gratis to the necessitous the residue of the fire Wood laid up by order of the Corporation.

Ordered that Ald[n] Stoutenburgh & P Van Zandt & M[r] Janeway be a Committee to confer with M[r] M[c]Intosh & the Widow Montanye relative to their Houses presented as public Nuisances by encroaching on Cortlandt Street.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | £47:19:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the like..... | 47:19:— |
| issued | Abraham Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps.... | 46:16:— |
| issued | Wm Sloo for the Constables & Marshalls conveyg Vagrants to Bridewell..... | 17:12: 6 |
| issued | Hugh Gaine for printing Notes for small Change..... | 73:12:— |

[209] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 17th day of febr 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Jeremiah Wool
Wynant Van Zandt
John Wylley
Theophilus Beekman
Peter P Van Zandt
} Esqrs Aldn

George Janeway
Nicholas Carmer
William J Elsworth
Stephen McCrea
} Assistts

A Petition of Moses Rogers & John Titus with a proposition to erect one or more Mills on Haerlem Creek at Kings Bridge was read & referred to Aldn P. Van Zandt and Messrs Janeway & Carmer.

A Petition of William Pettit praying payment for a quantity of Liquor by him supplied to the Inhabitants at the time of the late fire in front Street near the Fly Market was read & referred to Aldn W. Van Zandt & Messrs Van Zandt & Elsworth.

Ordered that Jacob Mott be appointed a Measurer of Grain.

The Committee for superintendg the printing & burning the Notes issued for small Change reported that they had examined & burnt the followg vizt

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| 13000 of 1d each..... | £54: 3: 4 |
| 15000 of 2d each..... | 125:—:— |
| 16000 of 3d each..... | 200:—:— |
| | £379: 3: 4 |

[210] A Petition of Charles Ward Apthorpe and others praying the Board to continue the Bloomingdale Road to Morris's House was read & referred to the Road Committee.

The Treasurer produced to the Board an Affidavit of John H Cruger late Treasr or Chamberlain of this City taken before the Mayor of Beverly in Great Britain from which it appears that Nicholas Gouveneur decd had on the 8th Septr 1775 paid into the Treasury on account for quit Rent the Sum of £70:17:10½ as mentioned in Mr

Crugers Letter on that subject produced to this Board by the present Treasurer & read on the 22d July last

Thereupon ordered that the Treasurer credit or repay the Representatives of *of* Mr Gouveneur the amount of that Sum accordingly.

The Clerk according to the order of the 12th Septr last presented to the Board Drafts of Grants of Water Lots to Abm Walton & to Gerard Walton as Exers and for the use of the Children & Heirs of Jacob Walton decd; which were read & approved by the Board & ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | James Culbertson & Alexr Lamb each the Sum of £47:19 for their Companies of City Watchmen..... | £95:18:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for 1. Qr Salary & Disbursts..... | £10:12:— |
| issued | Archibald McLean for printing..... | £5:19:— |

William P Roome appointed a fireman to Engine No 14 vice Michael Nestel removed

[211] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 28th day of Febv 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| John Wylley | Esqrs Alds | Wynandt Van Zandt |
| Theophs Beekman | | William J Elsworth |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | John Van Dyk |
| Nichs Bayard | | Nichs Carmer |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | George Janeway |
| | | Stephen McCrea |
| | | John Pintard |

Assists

The Clerk presented to the Board the Dr of a Grant to Isaac Roosevelt of a Water Lot on the West side of the old Slip; which was read & approved & ordered to be engrossed

A Petition of Henry Rutgers for a Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River between Warren & Montgomery Streets; was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition for the filling in and paving of Greenwich Street from Cortlandt to Thames Street and Crown Street from Broadway to Greenwich Street; was read & it was ordered that Ordinances be prepared for the said Streets and little Queen Street from the Broadway to Greenwich Street and also for the *Streets in the vicinity of the Exchange mentioned in the Report of the Street Committee of the 10th Novr last

* Marginal note reads *Great Dock Street & Front Street See P. 185.*—Ed.

[212] A Petition of John Montanye and others for the aid of the Corporation in sinking a Well in *great George Street was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ Bayard & Mess$^{rs}$ Janeway & Elsworth.

Ordered that a recommendation of this Board to the Inhabitants to clear the Ice out of the Kennels in the Streets that the side Walks may not be overflowed be published in the News Papers.

The Treasurer reported on the Petition of James Tylee whereupon the said Petition was referred to Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh & Mess$^{rs}$ Carmer and Pintard.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor be requested to issue a Tavern Licence to Lidia Wentworth gratis to enable her to procure a subsistence for her poor family

And that he issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treas$^{r}$ to pay her forty
issued Shill$^{gs}$ to enable her to obtain the Permit of the Commiss$^{r}$ of Excise.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ as above to pay.

issued James Culbertson & Alex$^{r}$ Lamb each the Sum of £47:19/ for their respective Companies of City Watchmen ..... £95:18:—

issued And Archibald Kerly for paving in front of the fire Engine House in Cherry Street..... £2: 5:—

[213] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 12$^{th}$ March 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Wynant Van Zandt | Assist$^{t}$ |
| Nicholas Bayard | | John Van Dyk | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | William J Elsworth | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | George Janeway | |
| John Wylley | | John Pintard | |

James Stuart, Grocer admitted and sworn a free Man of this City

William Moore elected an Assessor for the 3$^{d}$ Ward attended and took the Oaths prescribed by Law & the Charter of this City.

A Petition of John Watts Esq$^{r}$ in behalf of the Committee of Merchants to superintend the erection of the Tontine Coffee House praying permission to add to the said Building a Piazza to extend over the foot Walk in the Street; was read and referred to the Street Committee

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—Ed.

A Letter from the hon^ble John Jay Esq^r submitting to the Board the Power of laying out & regulating Streets through his Land on *Great George Street in such manner as they shall judge to be for the public convenience [214] and also offering, if the board shall judge it expedient to make a Canal from the fresh Water Pond to the North River, to release as much of his Land as may be required for that purpose and for Streets; was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition from sundry Persons owning Land, in Harlem praying that the Petition for continuing the bloomingdale Road to Morris's House may not be granted; was read & referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas G Carmer & others offering to procure a fire Engine & a place for its deposit at their private Expence & praying to be appointed fire Men was read & postponed.

Ordered that the Clerk make a Return of the Firemen now existing to the Board.

The Committee on the Petition of James Tylee delivered in the follow^g Report which was read & agreed to by the Board viz^t

"That having considered the circumstances of the case and estimated the Value of the Lot referred to in the s^d Petition are of Opinion that the prayer of the said Petition ought to be granted provided that M^r Tylee pay for the said Lot the Sum of two hundred Pounds"

Isaac Stoutenburgh"
Nicholas Carmer."

[215] The Treasurer reported a State of Facts on a Petition of Otho Gants a Tenant on one of the Corporation Lots; which was referred to Ald^n Beekman and Mess^rs Van Zandt and Janeway.

It being conceived that the Improvem^ts at the Battery are yet incompleat and that some more Work will be necessary there whenever the Season will permit

Ordered that the Committee on that Business report to the Board what further Improvements will be necessary and that M^r Van Dyk be added to the Committee.

On reading a Petition of John Gurloch and others praying permission & the usual Allowance of the Board in the sinking of a Well in Great George Street near Ald^n Bayards

Resolved that this Board will contribute at the rate of one Dollar

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—ED.

per foot towards any public Well which shall hereafter be sunk with the consent and approbation of this Board provided the Aldn & Assistant of the Ward report to the Board the Depth of such Well, that it is at least six feet diameter in the clear at Bottom, that it is compleatly stoned or bricked up, that it hath a sufficiency of Water, that it hath a good new pump, brass chambered, therein and that the well is properly covered.

A proposal of John G. Leake & Bernardus Swartwout to extend their respective Piers into the River to form a Bason for the [216] better accommodation of River Vessels at the North River; was read and referred to Aldn Beekman and P. Van Zandt & Messrs Janeway Van Dyk and Carmer.

A Petition from the Neighborhood of the Oswego Market for permission to extend the Roof of that Building over the side Walk in Maiden Lane to accommodate the Country People was read & granted provided it be done under the Inspection of the Aldn & Assist of the Ward.

Ordered that Matthew McGuire to Hook & Ladder Company No 1 vice John Vernon And Isaac T Stagg to Engine No 12 vice Joseph Stringham be appointed Fire Men of this City.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Aldn Stoutenburgh in full for the ballce due the Committee on Improvemts at the Battery and Govt House | £155:17: 4 |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | £38: 7:— |
| issued | Simon Kiersted for Repairs to the public Pumps..... | £40: 7: 9 |
| issued | Daniel Burger for Blacksmith's Work to the public Pumps ..... | £18: 7: 9 |

The Clerk presented to the Board the engrossed Grant to Isaac Roosevelt of the Water Lot adjoining the old Slip; which was read & approved by the Board & it was ordered that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto and [217] that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board to be delivered to Mr Roosevelt on his executing the counterpart thereof and paying into the Treasury the Rent reserved in the said Grant from the 5th day of September 1786 the day on which the prayer of his Petition was granted & the Grant was ordered to be made out accordingly.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 2d day of April 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | John Van Dyk | Assistants |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | William J Elsworth | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | George Janeway | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Stephen McCrea | |
| Nicholas Bayard | | | |
| John Wylley | | | |

A Letter from Archibald Kerly relative to a New Fire Engine brought into this City from London & offered for sale; was read. Ordered that Aldn Beekman & Messrs Janeway & Elsworth be a Committee to examine the said Engine & if they judge it a good one to purchase it for the use of this City.

On reading a Petition of John Stevens Esqr [218] Ordered that the Treasurer repay to him the Monies which he may have paid into the Treasury and which accrued or became due for Quit Rent during the late War on his taking the oath required by the Resolution of this Board on that Subject

A Petition of Samuel Corp was read, praying Permission to erect Vaults under the Street adjoining his House in Kings Street; which was granted provided they be erected under the direction of the Aldn of the 2d & the Assistant of the 3d Ward.

Ordered that Mr John Brower be permitted to convey the Water from his Cellar by a private Drain into the public Drain in Broad Street

A Petition of Dr Samuel Nicoll & Gilbert C Willet to have the Road leading by the Powder Magazine repaired was read & referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Barach Martin to lease about 5 Acres of the common Land near the Kissing Bridge was read & referred to the Road Committee

A Representation by the Treasurer relative to two Lots No 25 & 35 in Chatham Street was read and referred to Aldn Wylley & Messrs Carmer & Janeway.

Ordered that an Election be held in the first Ward at Trinity Church on Thursday sen'night of a Constable in the Room of John Craig deceased.

[219] The Clerk presented to the Board a Release to James Tylee of Lot No 119 in Chatham Street (agreable to the Report of the Com-

mittee at the last Meeting) which was read & approved of by the Board & it was ordered that the Common Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board to be delivered to Mr Tylee on his paying into the Treasury the Sum of £200—the Consideration in the said Release mentioned.

The Clerk also presented to the Board the engrossed Releases of Grants to Abraham Walton and to Gerard Walton as Executor of Jacob Walton decd of the Water Lots in front of their respective Lots at Hunters Key in the second Ward; which were respectively read & approved by the Board.

Ordered that the Common Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto and that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board to be delivered on the parties executing the counterparts.

The Clerk further presented to the Board two Leases to Cary Ludlow of Lots No 11 & No 12 in Chatham Street for the Term of 15 Years from the 1st May next which were read & approved by the Bd

Ordered that the Common Seal of the Corporation be affixed thereto to be delivered on Mr Ludlows executing the counterparts

Ordered that the Clerk write to the Persons named in the Ordinances for paving the foot Walks in Cortlandt & Greenwich partition Streets to proceed in the Business.

[220] Ordered that Messrs Van Dyk & Carmer be appointed on the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Cannon in the place of Messrs Pintard & Harsen.

Mr McCrea presented to the Board a Map or Survey of the Land belonging to the Heirs of Hendrick Rutgers decd with an Agreement thereon written under the hands & Seals of the said Heirs & Devisees in the Words following vizt

"We the subscribers William Bedlow Catharine Bedlow Anna Bancker, Stephen McCrea Maria McCrea and Henry Rutgers Proprietors of the Ground lying to the South of Cherry Street and North of the East River between Warren & Montgomery Streets in the seventh Ward of the City of New York for our mutual Accommodation do agree that Water Street be continued easterly in a direct Line through the Ground above mentioned so as to intersect Crown Point Street agreably to the above Plan; And that the aforesaid Street be laid out forty five feet in Wedth extending from the intersection of Water Street near Warren Street to Montgomery Street as aforesaid. And also that Lombard Street be continued forty five feet in Wedth

from Warren Street to Montgomerie Street As Witness our Hands & Seals this first day of March one thousand seven hundred & ninety two.

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| Stephen M$^{c}$Crea | [Seal] | William Bedlow | [Seal] |
| Mary M$^{c}$Crea | [Seal] | Catharine Bedlow | [Seal] |
| Henry Rutgers | [Seal] | Anna Bancker | [Seal] |

Witness

Anthony B Rutgers
John Wheeler

[221] The said Plan being examined & the said written Agreement being read was approved and acceded to by the Board & ordered to be filed.

The following two Ordinances were read & passed by the Board viz$^{t}$

"A Law for the paving of Greenwich Street from Cortlandt Street to the south side of the Lots of Bernardus Swartwout and Crown Street Little Queen Street and Thames Street from the Broad Way to Greenwich Street."

"A Law for the new paving of Great Dock Street, Little Dock Street & Front Street from Coenties Slip to Whitehall Street—Moore Street from Great Dock Street to the River and Broad Street from the head of the Drain to the South side of Water Street"

issued — Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay Abraham Bates the Sum of £500 for the Lot by him purchased for this Board to open & continue Franckfort Street into Queens Street

issued — The Commissioners of the Alms House the Sum of £10 to defray the expence of a passage for Florence Campbell a Pauper to Scotland if they on enquiry shall find that she has no Connections here who are bound by Law to maintain her.

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| issued | Abraham Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps 2 Months | £94: 2: 8 |
| issued | Jacob Foster for Nails on Repairs to the Mud Drudge | £3: 0: 1½ |
| issued | [222] Rinier Skaats for removing Snow from the Roof of the City Hall | £1: 16: — |
| issued | Alex$^{r}$ Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen 2 Weeks | £75: 2: — |
| issued | James Culbertson for the like | £36: 15: — |
| issued | James Culbertson for superintending the cleaning of the Streets | £25: 18: — |

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| issued | Elias Burger for Repairs to the Wharf at Brooklin Ferry | £26: 6: 3 |
| issued | Cornelius B Sebring for Iron Work to public Pumps | £7: 9: 11¼ |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey for 1 Qr Salary as public Whipper | £8: 15: — |
| issued | John Van Dyk for Joseph Kingsland for Timber to the Broad Street Drain | £0: 19: — |
| issued | Thomas Dodge for Repairs to Cathn Slip Stairs | £0: 19: — |
| issued | Elisha West for Lamp Oil | £205: 10: — |
| issued | George Janeway for sinking a Well at the Alms House—ballce | £16: 2: 6 |
| issued | George Janeway for rebuilding two fire Engine Houses | £9: 16: 6 |
| issued | George Janeway for Glazing Work & Glass at the Goal | £10: 17: — |
| issued | John Van Dyk for the Damages & Costs in a Suit agt him for the Labor of a Negro of Abm Van Deursen at the Drain in Broad Street | |

[223] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the City Hall on Tuesday the third day of April 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh, Nicholas Bayard, Wynant Van Zandt, Jeremiah Wool, Theophilus Beekman } Esqrs Aldn

John Van Dyk, George Janeway, William J Elsworth, Nicholas Carmer } Assistts

In pursuance of the Statute for regulating Elections, the Board proceeded to the election of Inspectors of the ensuing Election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators & Members of Assembly and the following Persons were duly elected. vizt

| 1st Ward | 2d Ward |
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| Brockholst Livingston | Michael D Henry |
| Jacobus Lefferts | Daniel McCormick |
| Robert Watts | Edmund Seaman |
| **3d Ward** | **4th Ward** |
| Cornelius J Bogert | George Stanton |
| Moses Rogers | John G Glover |
| John Young | Frederick Rhinlander |
| **5th Ward** | **6th Ward** |
| Samuel Osgood | John Crolius |
| Peter Riker | Jacob Harsen |
| Joseph Stringham | William Arnold |

**7th Ward**

Edward Williams, Thomas Ivers, Mangel Minthorn

[224] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Wednesday the 18th day of April 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Peter P Van Zandt
Theophs Beekman
Nicholas Bayard
Jeremiah Wool
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Wynant Van Zandt
John Wylley
} Esqrs Aldn

Tobias Van Zandt
William J Elsworth
John Van Dyk
Nicholas Carmer
} Assistts

The Clerk presented to the Board the Conveyances to this Corporation of the Lot of Ground formerly belonging to the Estate of Cornelius Thorpe decd situate in Queen Street & inten[ded] to be opened for the purpose of continuing Franckfort Street through into Queen Street; which was approved by the Board & ordered to be recorded & filed in the Clerks Office.

From the Return of the Election held in the first Ward of a Constable in the place of John Craig decd it appears that John Wessels was duly elected. Ordered that he be notified to attend & take the Oath of Office.

On Motion of Aldn Stoutenburgh Ordered that the Treasurer expose to sale at public Auction the vacant Lots adjoining the Hudson Market for the Term of twenty one Years.

[225] The Committee appointed to examine the fire Engine recommended by Mr Kerly reported that it appears to be a very good one & that they had purchased it of Mr John H Thompson at the price of £90.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasury to
issued pay Mr Thompson the Sum of £90 accordingly

And also to pay James Campbell a reduced useful Citizen
issued the Sum of £3:10/ to enable [him] to obtain & pay for the Excise permit & Licence to retail spiritous Liquors in his House

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| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen 1 Week ..... | £36:15:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb the like..... | 36:15:— |
| issued | James Barker & Willson Rawson for Lamp Oil..... | £431:17: 1 |

[226] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 30th April 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Peter P Van Zandt
Wynant Van Zandt
Nicholas Bayard
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theophilus Beekman
John Wylley
} Esqrs Aldn

Tobias Van Zandt
William J Elsworth
Nicholas Carmer
George Janeway
John Van Dyk
} Assistt

The Treasurer reported that he had attended the sale of the vacant Lots at the Hudsons Market as follows vizt

One Lot fronting Partition Street being in front 38 feet 2 Inches in the Rear 16 feet 2 Inches on the North side next to Robert Boyd 70 feet 8 Inches and on the So side towards the Market 73 feet 5 Inches. to James Quackenbos for 21 Years from 1st May next at £39 Pr Ann

One other Lot adjoining the above & in the rear of Simon Van Antwerps Lot being in front opposite to the Market about 23 feet on the South side 39 feet and on the North side about 33 feet more or less, to Simon Van Antwerp for £14 per Annum

One other Lot fronting Vesey Street being in front 11 feet 8 Inches and in the Rear about 33 feet more or less [227] on the North side adjoining the Lot of Mr Montanye 72 feet and fronting the Market 77 feet to Joseph Smith for £17 Pr Annum

Ordered that the Clerk prepare the Leases accordingly.

The Clerk according to order presented a List or Return of the present existing Fire Men of this City amounting to 311 including the 14 Fire Wardens.

Whereupon the following Persons were appointed Fire Men to the new Engine No 18 purchased by them at their own Expence. vizt

Abraham Franklin foreman
William Bowne assistant

Nathaniel Hawxhurst
Alexander Mowat
John Mowat Junr
James Hawxhurst
Walter Bowne
Robert Wardel
Peter Talman
Isaac Sharpless
James Harvey
Orange Webb
Robert Mott
Thomas Demilt
John Vernon
Ezek White
Richard Seaman
Richard Hallet
George Fox
Albert Ryckman
Daniel Hawxhurst
Alexr Masterton
Christopher Lot
James Parsons Junr

A Petition of John W Vredenburgh & others praying that they may be permitted to new pave Great Dock Street from Conties to Broad Street agreable to the new Regulation of the Street at their own expence and under their Direction and that the appointment of Persons to make an Estimate & Assessment of [228] the Expence may be waved; was read and granted.

A Petition of Caspar Semlar to lease a Lot of the Common Lands at the Powder Magazine; was read and referred to Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh & the Assis$^{ts}$ of the 3$^{d}$ & 5$^{th}$ Wards

A Petition of Israel Wood for the use of a Cellar under the Hudson Market; was read and referred to Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh & Wylley and M$^{r}$ Van Dyk to take order and to let M$^{r}$ Wood have such part of it and on such Terms as to them shall appear reasonable also to report how much the Market requires to be raised.

Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh submitted to the Board for their consideration a Plan for the better and more œconomical lighting and management of the public Lamps; which was read and referred to Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh W. Van Zandt & Beekman & Mess$^{rs}$ Janeway and Carmer.

A Petition of Peter Van Orden Isaac Halsey William Van Tassel & William Beekman complaining of their loss on the Contract for filling in Thames Slip was read & referred to Ald$^{n}$ P. Van Zandt & M$^{r}$ Elsworth. & M$^{r}$ Van Zandt

A Petition of W$^{m}$ Beekman and Ab$^{m}$ K Beekman to purchase of the Common Lands in the Rear of [229] their Land at the 5 Mile Stone was read and referred to the Road Committee

A Petition of D$^{r}$ Nicholas Romaine for the use of a Room in the City Hall to deliver Lectures was read

Ordered that he [be] permitted to use the lower Room in the Southeast Angle of the City Hall during the pleasure of this Board, at such time as it may not be occupied by the Uranian Society or required for public Use.

The following Ordinances were passed by the Board viz$^{t}$

"A Law for the paving Murray Street from Great George Street (Broadway) to Chappel Street"

"A Law for digging out Chambers Read & Barley Streets."

Ordered that a Warrant of Attorney from this Corporation to Daniel Phœnix Esq$^{r}$ be made out to authorize him to receive & keep the possession, on behalf of this Board, of certain *Houses & Lots of

*Marginal note reads *in rear of Bridewell See Warrant for suits. P. 271.*—ED.

Land in the sixth Ward, lately recovered in Ejectment, and that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto.

Ordered that Martin Cregier be appointed an Inspector of fire Wood vice Jacob Shourt dec[d]

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his W[t] on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Thomas Stevenson & C[o] the Sum of £5:16 towards a Well in Great George Street | |
| issued | John Campbell Coroner for Inquests | £21: 3:— |
| issued | Thomas Barrow for the Frames of the Portraits of the President & Governor | £135: 2: 1 |
| issued | Mich[l] Brooks for painting fire Wardens Trumpets & Wands | £2: 5: 6 |
| issued | [230] Joseph Bailey for Repairs to one of the Corporation Houses | £39:12: 7 |
| issued | John Goodeve for a Box Candles | £2:12: 3 |
| issued | Alex[r] Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen | £36:15:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for the like | £36:15:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 1[st] day of May 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Peter P Van Zandt | | Nicholas Carmer |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Van Dyk |
| Nicholas Bayard | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | William J Elsworth |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway |
| Theophilus Beekman | | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | |

Assist[ts]

Pursuant to the Statute entitled "An Act for loaning Monies belonging to this State" passed the 14[th] March 1792 the Members proceeded to elect two Loan Officers for this City & County and Evert Bancker & Cornelius Ray Esquires were duly elected accordingly

Ordered that Ald[n] Stoutenburgh & Van Zandt & M[r] Carmer. proceed to the auditing of the Acc[ts] of the Commissioners of the Alms House and [231] Bridewell preparatory to the next quarterly Meeting.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor have permission of this Board to make Areas & Vaults under Kings Street and the Broad Way at his House now erecting at the Corner of those Streets, if he shall judge it expedient.

Ordered that a Block be sunk in place of the Bridge at Pecks Slip and that three Blocks be sunk in place of the Bridges at the Corporation Wharf North River That Ald[n] P Van Zandt & Mess[rs]

Carmer & Van Zandt take order for sinking the Block at Peck Slip and Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh & Wylley & M$^{r}$ Elsworth those at the Corporation Wharf on Contract.

Ordered further that Ald$^{n}$ P Van Zandt & Mess$^{rs}$ Carmer & Van Zandt examine & report what Improvements are necessary at Beekman Slip. That the Ald$^{n}$ of the second & the Assist$^{t}$ of the first Ward do the like with respect to Coenties Slip and that the Street Committee do the like as to White Hall & Moores Slips

issued Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay Peter Van Orden Isaac Halsey William Beekman & William Van Tassel the Sum of £140:— on Acc$^{t}$ of their Contract to fill in Thames Slip.

[232] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 7$^{th}$ May 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | William J Elsworth | Assist$^{ts}$ |
| Jeremiah Wool | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | George Janeway | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| John Wylley | | John Van Dyk | |
| Theoph$^{s}$ Beekman | | | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | | |

The Committee of Acc$^{ts}$ reported that they had examined the Commissioners Acc$^{ts}$ with their respective Vouchers and found them right. viz$^{t}$

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| Those of the Alms House amounts | £1214:19: 9½ |
| Bridewell | 161:19: 5 |

The Commissioners Estimate for the ensuing Quarter amounting

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| The Alms House to | £1600:—:— |
| The Bridewell to | 200:—:— |

Was read & approved by the Board

issued Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer for the payment thereof accordingly.

A proposition of the Commissioners to abolish the plan of the Workhouse Department in Bridewell & to return to the Alms House such poor Persons as are of decent Characters was read & approved by the Board.

[233] The Committee appointed to report on the Petition of Israel Wood and how much the Hudson Market ought to be raised, Report

that in their Opinion the said Market ought to be raised one foot six Inches and that the leasing of the Cellars under the Market be delayed until the said Improvement be compleated—they further Report that the Hay Scales standing on the Walk on the south end of the said Market ought to be removed to the Ground opposite to the Slip between Leak's and Swartwouts Docks.

May 7th 1792. Isaac Stoutenburgh
John Wylley.

Which said Report was agreed to by the Board & the same Committee were ordered to carry it into execution.

A Petition of the Lamplighters for an increase of Pay was read & rejected.

A Petition of several of the Inhabitants at Pecks Slip setting forth that the Market House is become useless and tends greatly to obstruct the Street and praying an order for its removal was read & referred to the Street Comtee

A Petition for the paving of Chambers Street was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Request from the President & Directors of the Branch of the National Bank in this City that one of the City Watchmen be stationed during the Night at the said Bank was read & granted & it was ordered that two additional Watchmen [234] be employed every Night accordingly.

A Petition of Abijah Hammond for Permission to have an Area & a Vault under the Street at his House building in Great Broadway George Street was read & granted.

On a Suggestion by the Treasurer of great delinquency in the payment of Quit Rent on Waters Lots and also of ground Rent due to this Corporation.

Ordered that the Clerk publish a Notification in the News Papers to all Persons in arrear for Quit Rents reserved on Waters Lots & for Rent due on Lots of Ground belonging to this Corporation that unless they forthwith pay into the Treasury the Sums due from them respectively the Treasurer is directed to prosecute for the same without respect to Persons.

A Petition of Thomas Ten Eyck was read setting forth that he is about to erect a Store House on a Lot of new made Ground lately filled in and gained out of the East River situate on the Corner of Front Street & Coenties Slip, that it will not be proper to erect the said Building of Brick or Stone or to cover it with Slate or Tile &

praying that pursuant to the Statute entitled "An Act more effectually to prevent Fire & to regulate Buildings in the City of New York" [235] the board would be pleased to appoint five Persons to view the said Ground Whereupon John Stagg, George Gosman Robert Gosman James Robinson & John Moore were appointed accordingly

Ordered that the Street Committee view Barley Street East of Great George Street & report what is necessary to be done there especially about the Well

Ordered that the Clerk inform John W Vredenburgh & others who are permitted to pave Great Dock Street without an Estimate or Assessment thereof that this Board expect they will pave to the middle of Broad Street and that they will inform the Board who they have employed to superintend & direct the said Pavement

The following Persons were appointed Firemen of this City viz$^{t}$

To Engine N$^{o}$ 17.

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| James Drake | James Weeks |
| Peter Hardenbrook | Benjamin North |
| Samuel Kelly | Matthew Reed |
| Henry Whitefield | Thomas Lawrence |
| Daniel Riker | William Degrove |
| William Baker | John Willson |
| Evert Bush | James Bartine |

To Engine N$^{o}$ 14 John Aymar vice Medcef Eden resigned.

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurers Report on the Petition of Otho Gantz report that in their Opinion the Lot of Ground [236] is worth five Pounds ten Shillings per annum for twenty one Years; which is agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that a Lease be prepared to him of the said Lot accordingly

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen 1 Week ..... | £36:15:— |
| issued | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for lights Lamps..... | £45:14:— |
| issued | W$^{m}$ Sloo for the Constables & Marshalls who conveyed Vagrants to Bridewell..... | £21:15:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 11th day of May 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Theophs Beekman, John Wylley, Peter P Van Zandt, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Jeremiah Wool, Wynant Van Zandt } Esqrs Aldn

John Van Dyk, Tobias Van Zandt, George Janeway, William J Elsworth, Nicholas Carmer } Assists

A Petition from several Persons possessing Lots belonging to this Corporation praying that the Monies by them paid for paving the Street may be refunded & the expence borne by the Corporation was read & referred to Aldn Stoutenburgh & T. Van Zandt & Mr Carmer.

[237] Be it ordained that the following Laws & Ordinances of this Corporation be and they are hereby ordained & established to be and continue in force for one Year from this day. viz$^{t}$

"A Law for the due observation of the Lords Day called Sunday."

"A Law directing the Uses of the public Seals of this City"

"A Law relative to the admission of Freemen"

"A Law to regulate the Office of Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City."

"A Law for the better preventing of Fire"

"A Law for the better securing this City from the Danger of Gun Powder"

"A Law for to appoint Surveyors for this City"

"A Law to regulate the public Markets within this City."

"A Law to regulate the paving and keeping in Repair the Streets & for preventing Nuisances within this City"

"A Law to regulate Carts & Cartmen in this City"

"A Law to regulate the Sale of Bread"

"A Law to regulate the landing & Sale of Hay within this City"

"A Law to regulate the sale of Fire Wood in this City"

"A Law to regulate the Pay of public Measurers within this City"

"A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels in the Docks & Slips of this City & to ascertain the rates of Wharfage."

"A Law making a further Provision for preventing Accidents by fire"

"A Law to prevent the running at large of Swine within this City"

"A Law to regulate the ringing or tolling of Bells for Funerals."

[238] On reading a Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for laying the foot or side Walks at Beekmans Slip with Brick or flatt Stones.

The Committee appointed to attend to the cancelling or destroying the defaced & worn Notes issued for small Change report that they have examined & burnt the following viz[t]

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| 9500 | of 1[d] | £39:11: 8 |
| 10000 | of 2[d] | 83: 6: 8 |
| 11500 | of 3[d] | 143:15:— |
| amounting to | | £266:13: 4 |

Peter P Van Zandt
George Janeway

The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board viz[t]

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Watts Esq[r] on behalf of the Committee to superintend & direct the erection of a Building on the Corner of Wall Street & Water Street, to be used as a Merchants Coffee House Report that your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the Petition be granted so far as to allow them to erect a Piazza to the said Building of six feet in breadth along Wall Street

Peter P Van Zandt
Theop[s] Beekman
Isaac Stoutenburgh
George Janeway.

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of Great Dock Street, Little Dock Street & front Street from Coenties Slip to White Hall Street & Moore Street from Great [239] Dock Street to the River, were respectively read & ratified by the Board And William Gilbert & Aert Huysman were appointed to collect & receive the Sums of Money in the said Assessments mentioned And John Stagg & George Gosman were appointed to superintend & direct the paving of the said Streets.

Ald[n] P Van Zandt informed the Board that the filling in of Thames Slip appeared to be compleated agreable to contract.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay Peter Van Orden & C[o] the Sum of £50 in full of the amount of the ball[ce] due them on their Contract for filling in the said Slip.

issued

The Committee on D[r] Nicoll's Petition relative to the Road leading by the Powder Magazine reported And the Board agreed & deter-

mined to allow Dr Nicoll £10 on his repairing the said Road & making a Bridge there in such manner as the Road Committee shall approve.

On a Complaint that Mr Dunbar had improperly laid the Wall Plate on the East side of Burlings Slip so high as to render it very difficult to load or unload Vessels Ordered that Mr Bingham the Corporation Wharfinger notify him to lower the said Wall Plate to the level with that on the West side of the Slip and that in case of his neglect or refusal this Board will direct Measures for compelling him.

[240] The following Report was presented & read vizt

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Henry Rutgers.

Report that your Committee are of Opinion that the Prayer of the Petition dated the 29th Decr 1791 be granted from Washington Street to Warren Street as by the Return given in by the Surveyor is 255 feet And that Henry Rutgers pay at the rate of fifteen Shillings per foot for the same; which is submitted to the Board. That your Committee are farther of Opinion that the prayer of the Petition dated the 28th day of february 1792 be granted and that Mr Henry Rutgers & others concerned may have the Soil under Water from high Water mark to front Street agreable to the Survey provided that a Slip of 90 feet be made at the end of Montgomery Street, he and they paying at the rate of five Shillings per foot which number of feet is to be ascertained by the Surveyors; which also is submitted to the Board.

Peter P Van Zandt
Theos Beekman
Isaac Stoutenburgh
John Van Dyk
George Janeway

On the Question to agree to the said Report objections were raised to the Sums to be paid by Mr Rutgers And on Motion that the Report be amended and that the Sum of fifteen Shillings be encreased to [241] twenty Shillings and that the Sum of five Shillings be encreased to eight Shillings it was carried in the Affirmative

Ordered that the said Report be amended accordingly.

Inconvenience arising from there being more than one Street with the same Name in this City It was ordered that the Names of two Streets laid out on the Lands of Hendrick Rutgers decd be changed vizt the name of the Street called Warren to be changed to the Name of Clinton and that called William to the Name of Bedlow. And it being doubtful whether the Name of the Street in the Rear of Trinity

Church was intended to be Lumber or Lombard it was ordered by the Board that the said Street in future be called Lumber Street.

Ordered that Henry Carmer be appointed a fire Man to Engine N° 13 vice Nich$^{s}$ Brevort

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{t}$ on the Treasury to
issued pay the Committee for raising Hudson Market H$^{s}$ £30 on acc$^{t}$

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| issued | Archibald & D Currie for fire Wardens Hatts..... | £6: 1:— |
| issued | The Clerks of the Gen$^{l}$ Election..... | £40:—:— |
| issued | Alex$^{r}$ Lamb for his Comp$^{y}$ of City Watchmen..... | £36:15:— |

[242] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 18$^{th}$ day of May 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Jeremiah Wool, Theophilus Beekman, John Wylley, Wynant Van Zandt } Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

Tobias Van Zandt, Nicholas Carmer, William J Elsworth, John Van Dyk } Assist$^{ts}$

Pursuant to the Statute entitled "An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen of the City of New York to order the raising Monies by Tax for the maintenance of the Poor and for defraying the other contingent Expences arising in the City & County of New York" passed the 18$^{th}$ feb$^{y}$ last The Mayor Recorder & Aldermen ordered that the following Sums for the following Purposes be raised viz$^{t}$

£8600. for the support & maintenance of the Poor, the Bridewell & the Criminals confined in Prison, repairing Roads & improving Streets & for the other contingent Expences of the City & County.

£2400. for compleating Improvements at the Battery & about the Governm$^{t}$ House & making Improvements in front of the Goal Alms House & Bridewell.

£5000. for the City Watch & Lamps & other contingencies arising in the City [243] & to the southward of a certain Line in the said Statute mentioned; And the Assessors of the several Wards, being convened with the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen were required to proceed to the making of the Assessments & to return the Tax Lists of the respective Wards without delay

Ordered that the Street Committee cause a Survey for the regulation of Bridge Street to be made

A Bond from Evert Bancker one of the Loan Officers for this City & County was presented to the Board and the Security was approved of by them & it was ordered the Common Seal be affixed to the Certificate of Approbation endorsed on the said Bond.

A Request of Doctor Micheau for the use of a Room in the Hall to read his Lectures on Physick was read & rejected.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off the Bonds from this Corporation to William Cargill & Bernardus Swartwout

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Beekman & Mess$^{rs}$ Carmer & Janeway be a Committee to treat with the Proprietors of such Lots as may be required to open & continue Roosevelt & Francfort Streets.

Ordered that Richard Cunningham be appointed a fireman to Engine N$^{o}$ 12 vice Jacob Seaman Jun$^{r}$ resigned.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | The Sec$^{ry}$ of the State for Copies of Laws..... | £1: 9:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for 1 Q$^{r}$ Salary & disbursem$^{ts}$..... | £10:18:— |
| issued | Sam$^{l}$ Loudon for printing..... | £14: 5:— |

[244] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 25$^{th}$ day of May 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor

Wynant Van Zandt, Jeremiah Wool, John Wylley, Peter P Van Zandt, Theophilus Beekman } Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$

Tobias Van Zandt, Nicholas Carmer, William J Elsworth, John Van Dyk } Assist$^{s}$

Ordered that the Clerk notify the proprietors or Occupants of the Houses & Lots, on the East side of Beekmans Slip between Queen Street and Water Street, the foot Walks whereof have not been paved according to Law that they cause them to be paved without delay.

A Petition of the Proprietors of Lots in Thames Street praying for the Reasons therein mentioned that the said Street may be repaved with the Kennel in the middle was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin S Judah setting forth that he is about to erect a Building on a Lot of new made ground in Little Water Street, that it will not be proper to erect the said Building of Brick or Stone and praying that pursuant to the Statute this Board would be pleased to appoint five Persons to view the said Ground; was read And James Robinson Robert Gosman John Stagg, George Gosman & John Moore were appointed accord$^{gly}$

[245] A Petition of Rem Remsen for himself & Simon Remsen praying a further Grant of a Water Lot at Burlings Slip was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Ten Eyck for permission to sink another Block or Wharf on the outside of that which by accident overset on the East side of Coenties Slip was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Elizabeth Murphy relative to Rent due on a Lot N° 35 in Augustus Street was read & referred to the Treasurer with power, if he thinks it expedient, to take her two Sons as Security for the Arrears of Rent

Ordered that the Street Committee cause a Survey to be made of the Streets in the Meadow to the end that the Commissoners named in the Act of the Legislature on that subject may be enabled to judge of the Regulations intended & to proceed to the Business committed to them by the Law.

Ordered that the Committee on the Improvements at the Battery examine & report what is necessary to be done immediately in that Business.

Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ W Van Zandt Beekman & Wylley & Mess$^{rs}$ Janeway & Carmer be a Committee to take order for shutting up the Street leading thro' the Corporation Lots to the Land of M$^{r}$ Sands at Brooklyn.

Ordered that an Election be held in the first Ward on Friday the 1$^{st}$ June next of two Constables vice Jonas Roe removed & John Wessels who refuses to quallify.

[246] The following Law or Ordinance was ordained & passed by the Board viz$^{t}$

"A Law supplementary to the Law entitled A Law to regulate the paving and keeping in Repair the Streets and for preventing Nuisances within this City."

The Street Committee reported the following Regulations of the following Streets which were read & agreed to by the Board viz$^{t}$

"The Street Committee Report that they have caused a Survey to be made of the several following Streets with a view to the Regulation thereof in conformity to their Connection with Ferry Street and the Common Sewer are of Opinion that the following Regulation is the most convenient that can be adopted. viz$^{t}$

Regulation of Franckfort Street Jacob Street & Ferry Street.

The Descent from Nassau Street down Franckfort Street to Prince Street is 4 $^{87}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet according to which the Intersection

of William Street must be raised three feet one Inch and at Prince Street it will remain as it is. From thence with a descent of 1½ Inch on 10 feet to Jacob Street agreable to it's present situation. From thence along Jacob Street with a descent of one Inch on 10 feet to Ferry Street where it must be raised one foot [247] three Inches which will give a Descent from Jacob Street to the Common Sewer of 1 $^{19}/_{100}$ Inch on 10 feet Then from Jacob Street up Ferry Street to Gold Street with an ascent 1½ Inch on 10 feet where it must be raised one foot eleven Inches.

Regulation of Gold Street from Beekman Street to Francfort Street Descent from the Kennel in Beekman Street 4 $^{32}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet to George Street where it must be raised one foot nine Inches, thence with a Descent of 1 $^{32}/_{100}$ Inch on 10 feet to Ferry Street where it must be raised one foot 11 Inches, thence with a descent of 1½ Inch on 10 feet to the distance of 200 feet towards Franckfort Street and from thence with a Descent of 1 Inch on ten feet to Franckfort Street being at the Distance of fifty feet

Regulation of William & King George Streets from Beekman Street to Thomas Street Descent from Beekman Street to George Street 5 $^{39}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet, thence with an ascent of 1 $^{7}/_{10}$ Inch on 10 feet to Franckfort Street, thence with an ascent of 3 $^{49}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet to a distance of 406 feet being the highest Ground where it must [be] lowered 1 foot 3 Inches and thence with a descent of 1 Inch on 10 feet to Thomas Street being 190 feet distance.

Regulation of Gold Street from Beekman Street to John Street

Ascent from Beekman Street to Fair [248] Street 3¼ Inches on 10 feet according to which at the intersection of Ann Street it must be lowered 1 foot 5 Inches and Fair Street remains as it is. thence with an ascent of 2 Inches on 10 feet to a distance of 274 feet where it must be lowered 2 feet 4 Inches, thence with a descent of 1¼ Inch on 10 feet to John Street

Regulation of Cliff Street From Beekman Street to the intersection of Fair Street with an ascent of 1½ Inch on 10 feet where it must be lowered 2 feet 4 Inches thence with a Descent of 2 $^{71}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet to Golden Hill.

Regulation of Fair Street from Gold Street to Cliffs Street.

Ascent from Gold Street towards Cliffs Street to a distance of 248 feet 1½ Inch on 10 feet and thence with a descent of 1½ Inch on 10 feet to Cliff Street.

An Ordinance for the new paving of the said Streets conformable to the aforegoing Regulations was then read & passed by the Board

A Petition of Daniel Hitchcock & others proposing Drains from several Streets leading to Ferry Street was read & could not be complied with.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off (if the revenue fund will admit) the Bonds to William Cargill & to Bernard[s] Swartwout

[249] Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treas[r] to pay.

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| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | 38 : 17 : — |
| issued | Alex[r] Lamb for the like..... | 38 : 17 : — |
| issued | W[m] Smith Jun[r] for Repairs to Pumps..... | 6 : 19 : 6 |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 4[th] day of June 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor

Theophilus Beekman, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Jeremiah Wool, Wynant Van Zandt, John Wyllie, Peter P Van Zandt } Esq[rs] Ald[n]

Tobias Van Zandt, William J Elsworth, John Van Dyk, George Janeway, Nicholas Carmer } Assist[ts]

John Fox Grocer admitted & sworn a free Man

A Petition of the Proprietors of several Lots on the Land formerly belonging to James Delancey complaining that certain Streets laid out and reserved for public use through the said Lands are enclosed by certain Individuals & praying the Board to take Measures for the opening of the said Streets; was read & referred to the Street Committee.

An Application of Hugh Gaine to purchase of the Common Lands; was read & referred to the Road Committee

Ordered that Ald[n] W Van Zandt & Mess[rs] Van Zandt & Carmer be added to the Battery Com[tee]

[250] From the Return of the Election held in the first Ward it appears that James Smith & John Delameter are elected Constables of the said Ward. and John Delameter was sworn in accordingly.

A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Exchange praying that, that Building may be removed; was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Bond from Cornelius Ray Esq[r] one of the Loan Officers for this City & County was presented to the Board and the Security being ap-

proved of by them it was ordered that the Common Seal be affixed to the Certificate of Approbation to be endorsed thereon.

Mr Elsworth informed the Board that the fire Engine lately made by order of the Board was finished. Ordered that the Engineers inspect the said Engine & report their Opinion as to it's quality to the Board And that it be deposited on the Rear of Mr Mesiers Lot South of Cortlandt Street, under the Direction of the Aldn & Assist. of the 4th Ward. And that the small Engine at the Alms House be removed to the 7th Ward & deposited in such Place as the Aldn of the 7th & the Assist of the 6th Ward shall direct.

A Petition of John Riker for a further Grant of the Soil under Water in the East River at Burlings Slip; was read & referred to the Street Committee.

Ordered that George Wallegrove be appointed Weigh Master of Hay at Thames Slip.

[251] The Committee on the Petition of Thomas Ten Eyck reported that the Prayer thereof ought to be granted; which was agreed to by the Board And it was ordered that Aldn of the 2d and the Assists of the 1st & 3d Wards attend to the sinking of the Block or Wharf in the said Petition mentioned & see it extend no farther into the River than shall be absolutely necessy

Ordered that the Aldn of the 4th & the Assists of the 1st & 6th Wards be a Committee to direct a proper Plan or Survey of the Water Lots to be granted at the North River with the Streets which it will be necessary to reserve for public use.

Ordered that Robert McDowel be appointed a fire Man to Engine No 17. vice Theophs Beekman resigned, And John Seaman to the same vice Thomas Stagg resigned.

Mr Pintard a Member of this Board having been long absent & it being suggested that he had removed to New Jersey Ordered that the Clerk write to him on the Subject to know whether he expects to return soon, if not that the public Service will require that an Election be held in the 2d Ward of an Assistant in his stead.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | The Committee on Repairs to the Gaol on Acct for Repairs to Bridewell the Sum of..... | £30:—:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for the Watchmen..... | 38:17:— |
| issued | [252] Jacob Way for Repairs to the Gaol..... | £10: 4: 3 |
| issued | Peter Schermerhorn for Pitch &c..... | 2: 0: 3 |
| issued | Isaac Mead for raising Hudson Markt..... | 39:18: 6 |

On reading a Petition of Henry Rutgers—the Board proceeded to reconsider their Determination. and Amendment of the Report of the

Committee of the 11th of May last with respect to the Sums to be paid by Mr Rutgers for the Water Lots intended to be granted to him And thereupon it was agreed that the said Report together with the Sums therein mentioned to be paid by Mr Rutgers be confirmed; the said Amendments to the said Report to the contrary notwithstanding.

[253] City of New York } ss At a Common Council held on Monday the 11th June 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Nicholas Carmer | Assistts |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | John Van Dyk | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | George Janeway | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | William J Elsworth | |

A Petition of Coles & Underhill was read setting forth that they propose building a Store upon the southwardly side of Front Street between Coenties & the old Slip, that the Ground is not sufficiently firm for the said Building to be of Brick; and therefore request Permission to build the same of Wood except the Front which they wish Brick.

Ordered that pursuant to the Law in such case made and provided, James Robinson, Robert Gosman, John Stagg, George Gosman & John Moore be appointed to view the said Piece of Ground

A Petition of Theodorus Brower to hire the Ferry from this City to Bulls landing was read and referred to Aldn Stoutenbgh & Wylley & Mr Elsworth.

A Petition of John Cox to be appointed a Measurer was read & postponed.

[254] A Petition of James Johnston to be appointed an Inspector of Wood was read and postponed.

A Petition of Abraham Wilson was read & referred to the Street Comtee

A Petition of Nichs Gouverneur & others for Grants of Water Lots at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to the Street Committee.

Aldn Stoutenburgh made a verbal Report on the Subject of the Improvements & Repairs immediately necessary at the Govt House and Battery. Whereupon it was ordered that the said Committee take order for making the said Improvements & Repairs accordingly.

Ordinances for paving Lumber Street from Rector Street to Thames Street—And Bridge Street, were respectively passed by the Board.

Ordered that Mr Carmer be added to the Committee appointed to treat with the Exrs of Mrs Barclay decd as to the purchasing of the Meadow lying between the Corporation Lot and the fresh Water pond—that the said Committee purchase as much of the said Meadow as they shall deem expedient on the best Terms they can. And that the said Committee direct the *fresh Water Pond to be staked off so as to prevent encroachments thereon & to report any Encroachments which may have been made.

[255] The Committee on the Petition of John G Leake & Bernardus Swartwout with proposals for making a Bason at Thames Slip; reported that in the Opinion of the Committee the Proposals of Mr Leake & Mr Swartwout could not be complied with; which was agreed to by the Board

Ordered that the Mud Drudge be employed at the Corporation Bason North River.

Ordered that Frederick Pentz be appointed a fire Man to Hook & Ladder Company No 1 vice Robert Roberts removed. And that John Fox Garret Cozine & Aaron Jenkins to Engine No 14 vice John Baldridge James Blanchard & Abraham Delameter resigned.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay

issued Aldn W Van Zandt the Sum of £50 on acct towards working the Mud Drudge

issued Alexr Lamb for his Compy of Watchn..... £38:17:—

[256] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Saturday the 16th June 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Jeremiah Wool | Esqrs Aldn | Nicholas Carmer |
| John Wylley | | William J Elsworth |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | John Van Dyk |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | George Janeway |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | |

A Letter from John Cozine Esqr to Mr Mayor was laid before the Board & read setting forth "that a great number of Citizens are anxious to have a public Meeting. It is supposed there is no place in the City, large or secure enough to contain with convenience the Persons that will attend it. I am requested to ask of the Corporation the use of the large Room in the City Hall on Monday Evening next.

* Marginal note reads *Collect.*—Ed.

Thereupon Ordered that Mr Couzine be informed that the Magistrates have Objections to any public Meeting of the Citizens in the City Hall in the Evening But that the Board do agree that the Citizens be permitted to have the use of the lower large Room in the City Hall on Monday next between the Hours of twelve at Noon & four in the Afternoon.

[257] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 25th day of June 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Peter P Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | John Van Dyk | Assistts |
| Theophilus Beekman | | George Janeway | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | William J Elsworth | |
| Nicholas Bayard | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Wylley | | | |

A Petition of Peter Byvanck for a further Grant into the River was read & referred to the Aldn & Assist of the 3d & Aldn of the 2d Ward.

A Complaint against Harmanus Skaats one of the public Measures and a Recommendation in his favor were respectively read & referred to Aldn Stoutenburgh & Messrs Janeway & Carmer.

A Letter from Mr John Pintard in answer to that written to him by the Clerk was read informing the Board that he did not expect to return to this City and reasume his Seat at the Board Thereupon ordered that an Election be held on Thursday the 5th July next at the City Hall in the second Ward of an Assistant in his stead.

[258] A Petition of the St Cœcilia Society was read. Ordered that they be permitted to use the Common Council Chamber on Saturday Evenings.

A Petition of George Daniel Dunbar for an Answer to his Petition for a Grant of the Water Lot adjoining Burlings Slip was read & referred to the Street Committee.

The Committee on the Petitions of John Riker, and of Rem & Simeon Remsen for Grants of Water Lots at Burlings Slip delivered in a Report on the Subject, which was read & postponed

An Estimate & Assessment for the Regulation of Barley Street was read & referred to the Street Committee to enquire into & report on the practicability of the Measure at present

The following Persons were appointed Fire Men of this City viz[t]

To Engine N[o] 19. Smith Hicks—Thomas White.—David Marsh.—Cornelius Tier—John Keyser.—George Brown.—William Meserve.—William A Hardenbrook. Isaac Varian Jun[r] William Perrin.

N[o] 20 Nathaniel Woodward. George Wallegrave. John Elsworth. Jacob Abramse. Isaac J Stagg. Thomas Smith Isaac Terboss. Joseph Webb. John Dawson Peter Van Houten. Peter H. Wendover. Michael Lowrear. Peter Black, Ab[m] Labagh, Moses Roff. Paul Van Dervoort John Woodward. William Barton, David Burger. Israel Wood.

[259] N[o] 16. Abraham Russell vice Thomas Lawrence removed to Engine N[o] 17 & Thomas Skinner vice John P Ritter resigned

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treas[r] to pay

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| issued | M[r] Carmer on acc[t] towards Improvem[ts] at Gov[t] House & Battery | £500:—:— |
| issued | William J Elsworth for a new fire Engine | £100:—:— |
| issued | Isaac Meade for a new fire Engine H[s] | £18:14:— |
| issued | John Simmons for the Expences of the Canvassars of the Ballots at the late Election of Assembly Men | £12:12: 6 |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey Whipper 1 Q[r] Sallary | £8:15:— |
| issued | W[m] G Wentworth as Clerk of Election | £0:16:— |
| issued | Nathaniel Clark for Lamp Oil | £236:11: 9 |
| issued | Ab[m] Van Gelder for lighting Lamps | £47: 4:— |

[260] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 2[d] July 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Jeremiah Wool
Wynant Van Zandt
John Wylley
Nicholas Bayard
Theophilus Beekman
} Esq[rs] Ald[n]

Nicholas Carmer
John Van Dyk
Tobias Van Zandt
William J Elsworth
George Janeway
} Assis[ts]

A Petition of Simon & Peter Schermerhorn praying that five Persons may be appointed according to Law to examine a Lot of Ground filled in and gained out of the East River situate in the third Ward in front Street on which said Lot they intend to erect a Store House but they do not conceive it safe or proper to erect the same of Brick or Stone or to cover it with Tile or Slate. was read. And John Stagg. James Robinson John Moore, George Gosman & Robert Gosman were appointed accordingly.

[261] A Petition of Samuel Franclin for permission to sink an additional Block at the End of his Wharf was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Nicholas N Anthony & others praying that the new Regulation of the Street in front of their respective Lots may not be immediately carried into execution; was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Ellison & others relative to the late regulation as it respects the lower part of little Queen Street was read & referred to the Street Comtee

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Casper Semler Report That in their Opinion it will be for the Interest of the Corporation to lease to him the Lot adjoining his Lands and West of the Powder House and that therefore the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted upon Condition of his paying the Rent of eight Pounds per Annum and not to remove or suffer any Clay to be removed off the Premisses.

July 2d 1792

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Nicholas Carmer
Tobias Van Zandt

Ordered that Lease be prepared accordingly

An Estimate & Assessment for the digging out Reade Street was read and ratified by the Board and [262] Andrew Hamilton was appointed to superintend the digging out &c of the said Street and George Webster to collect the Monies in the said Assessment mentioned.

Ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for digging out & filling in the Bowery Lane agreable to the Regulation thereof from Nicholas Street to Catharine Street

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | Joseph Shelvey for extra Services to the 27th June last | £8:—:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for the Constables & Marshalls to celebrate the ensuing Anniversary of American Independence | £10:—:— |
| issued | William Sloo for taking Fish last Season for the use of the Alms House & Bridewell | £20:—:— |
| issued | John Gerlock towards a Well at the Corner of Barley & Church Streets | £13:—:— |

[263] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 9th July 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Wynant Van Zandt
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Nicholas Bayard
Peter P Van Zandt
John Wylley
Jeremiah Wool
Theophilus Beekman
} Esqrs Aldn

Nicholas Carmer
John Van Dyk
Wynant Van Zandt
William J Elsworth
Garret Harsen
George Janeway
} Assists

The Poll List of the Election held in the second Ward of an Assistant in the stead of John Pintard was presented from which it appeared that Gerrit Harsen was duly elected. Mr Harsen took the Oaths accordingly

An Estimate & Assessment for the digging out &c of Chambers Street was read & ratified & Andrew Hamilton was appointed to superintend the digging out &c of the said Street & George Webster to collect the Monies mentioned in the sd Estimate

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of William & King George Streets from Beekman Street to Thomas Street. Jacob Street from Ferry Street to Francfort Street and Ferry Street from Gold to Cliffs Street were respectively read & ratified And John Stagg & George Gosman were appointed to superintend the paving of the said Streets [264] and David Harriot to collect the Monies in the said Assessments mentioned.

The like for the paving of Gold Street George Street, Fair Street, Gold Street and Cliffs Street were read & ratified and John Stagg & George Gosman were appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street and Jacob Tabele to collect the Monies mentioned in the said Assessments

The Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Franckfort Street was also read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Leonard Fisher to purchase a small piece of the Fresh Water Pond adjoining his Lot was read & rejected.

An Ordinance for carrying into execution the Regulation of the Bowery Lane from Nicholas Street to Catharine Street. was passed by the Board.

A Petition of Samuel Maghee on the subject of the late digging out of Chatham Street from St James Street to Division Street for a considerable part of which the proprietors of the Lots there refuse

to pay him was read And it was determined by the Board that the Corporation are not chargeable with the payment of the said Monies. At the same time [265] it was ordered that Aldⁿ Stoutenburgh & Beekman & Mʳ Carmer be a Committee to make farther enquiry into the Subject and report to the Board whether any and what Relief can be afforded Mʳ Maghee

The Committee on the Petition of the Proprietors of Lots in Thames Street reported that the prayer of the Petition be granted so far forth as not to interfere with the other Streets; which was agreed to by the Board.

The Committee on the petition of Danˡ Dunbar reported "that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted as it would destroy the Slip" which was agreed to by the Board.

Then the Bᵈ proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Petitions of John Riker & of Simon & Rem P. Remsen for Grants of the Water Lots adjoining that of Daniel Dunbar & the Board came to the followᵍ Determination on the Subject vizᵗ That at the joint Expence of the Petitioners a Street or Pier of twenty feet be erected on the Water Lot in front of the Lot of Simon & Rem P. Remsen along the side of the Slip & that the Residue of the said Water Lot and the adjoining Water Lot in front of John Riker be granted to the Petitioners as Tenants in Common the one Moiety to John Riker & the other Moiety to Simon and Rem P Remsen.

The Committee on the Petitions of Nicholas Gouveneur & others & of Doctor Nichᵃ Romayne for Grants of the Soil under Water in front of their respective Lands at Corlaers Hook delivered in the following Report which was read & agreed to by the Board vizᵗ

"That they are of Opinion that a further Investigation shall be made before the Grants be ordered and a Survey made of the whole front and that the Surveyor be directed to make such Survey that the quantity of Land from high Water Mark to front Street may be ascertained and known."

The Committee on the Petition of Hugh Gaine reported "That he ought [266] *ought* to pay for the six Acres of the common Land within his Fence at the rate of thirty Pounds per Acre. And that he ought to pay for the other Common Land in the Rear of his Land until it meets the five Acres Lots laid out in the General Survey be the quantity more or less at the rate of five pounds per Acre And that a Committee of this Board with the Surveyor run such Courses as is most convenient for the remainder of the Common Land;" which Report was agreed to by the Board.

The Committee on the Petition of William & Abraham Beekman report "That the prayer of the petition be granted And that they should pay for the one Acre and thirty six perches belonging to the Corporation & within their Fence at the rate of twelve pounds per Acre And that they should pay for the Common Land without their Fence until it meets the five Acre Lots laid down in the Gen[l] Survey at the rate of twelve pounds per Acre, And that a Committee with the Surveyor run out the same as will be most agreable to the other Common Lands; which Report was agreed to by the Board.

The Street Committee also reported that a small piece of Land near the [267] five Mile Stone between the Land of Thomas White & the Post Road containing about ¼ of an Acre & 39 Perches be sold to him for the Sum of seven Pounds; which was also agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the Battery Committee take down the Barracks & use the Materials on the Improvements making there.

In order to accommodate the Neighborhood in paving the lower part of Greenwich Street It is ordered that for the present the pavement be carried only to the North side of Swartwouts Corner where the Street is to be one foot three Inches lower than the Regulation and to come to nothing at Crown Street But this is to be considered as a temporary accommodation and not to affect the permanent Regulation of Greenwich Street in future

issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay. Ald[n] Wylley the Sum of £10 to be by him applied to the Relief of Ab[m] Florentine an old infirm and indigent Citizen.

issued And to pay Jacob Clinch Clerk of the late Election of an Assistant in the 2[d] Ward vice John Pintard..... £0:16:—

[268] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 16[th] July 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Jeremiah Wool<br>John Wylley<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Peter P Van Zandt<br>Theoph[s] Beekman<br>Wynant Van Zandt | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | William J Elsworth<br>John Van Dyk<br>Gerrit Harsen<br>George Janeway | Assist[s] |

The Clerk presented to the B[d] a Release from the Executors of Mary Barclay dec[d] of a piece of the Swamp adjoining the fresh

Water Pond; which was read & approved by the Board & ordered to be deposited in the Clerks Office

issued

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasr to pay Egbert Benson Esqr one of the said Exrs the Sum of £350 the consideration Money in the said Release mentioned

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Byvanck for a further Grant into the East River report that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted to extend no [269] farther into the River than the neighboring Water Lots; which was agreed to by the Board.

The following Report was read & agreed to by the Board vizt

"The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Ellison & others respecting the Regulation of little Queen Street.

Report That several Houses fronting on the said Street will be materially injured by paving the said Street agreable to the said Regulation. But that considerable Relief may be afforded to the said Houses by lowering the Line of the said Regulation at the intersection of Lumber Street one foot six Inches, and therefore recommend the said Alteration of the Survey of the said Street as a temporary Relief; But that the Regulation as approved by this Board remain as a Rule and guide respecting all Buildgs hereafter to be erected on the sd Street

July 16th 1792

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theos Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
William J Elsworth
John Van Dyk.

[270] An Estimate & Assessmt for the paving of Murray Street from *from* Great George Street to Chappel Street was read & ratified by the Board and John Fox was appointed to collect the Monies thereon & John Stagg & George Gosman were appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday July 23d 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Theophs Beekman | | George Janeway | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | John Van Dyk | |
| John Wylley | Esqrs Aldn | Garret Harsen | Assists |
| Nichs Bayard | | Wm J Elsworth | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | | |

A Petition of Wm Thomas for permission to erect a Vault under the Street in front of his House was read & granted under the Direction of the Aldn & Assist. of the Ward.

A Petition of John Hall & others praying that an additional Measurer of Lime be appointed was read & referred to Aldn Stoutenburgh & Messrs Van Dyk & Elsworth.

[271] A Petition of John Ryckman to purchase two Lots of the Common Lands was read & referred to the Street Committee.

An Ordinance for the regulating & paving of Lumber Street and Temple Street from Thames Street to Crown Street was passed by the Bd

Ordered that Ahasuerus Turk Junr be appointed a fire Man to Engine No 15 vice George Walgrave removed to a new Engine.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer
issued to pay Aldn W Van Zandt the Sum of £50 on Acct towards repairs to and works the Mud Drudge.

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| issued | *Saml Jones Esqr for Costs in several Ejectmt Suits for the recovery of Lands in the rear of the Bridewell... | £43:10:— |
| issued | Gilbert & Sickels for copying the Tax Books & carrying out the Poundage..... | £20:—:— |
| issued | Evert Bancker for surveys Streets..... | £8: 8:— |
| issued | John Simmons for the Expences of a public Dinner on the late anniversary of American Independence..... | £20:15:— |

*Marginal note reads *See P. 229.*—Ed.

[272] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday July 30th 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Peter P Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | George Janeway | Assists |
| Nicholas Bayard | | William J Elsworth | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Gerrit Harsen | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | | |

Ordered that the Assists of the 3d & 4th Wards be added to the Comtee for destroying the defaced small Change Notes, and that any two of the Committee be authorized to act.

On a suggestion that the digging out of the upper part of Greenwich Streets had rendered the bank unsafe for passing Carriages & Horses Ordered that the Aldn & Assists of the 6th Ward cause a fence to be placed there to prevent accidents.

A Petition of Thomas Ivers for a Grant of the Water Lot in front of his Lot at Corlaer's Hook was read & referred to the Street Committee.

[273] Ordinances for regulating & paving Crown Street from Greenwich to the River And for regulating and digging out Church Street from Barclay Street to Barley Street were respectively read & passed by the Bd

Estimates & Assessments for the paving of Lumber Street from Rector Street to Thames Street, and from Thames Street to Crown Street. Also Temple Street from Thames Street to Crown Street were respectively read and ratified by the Board.

Ordered that the collection on that for Lumber Street from Rector Street to Thames Street be postponed for the present.

Ordered that John Mildeberger be appointed to collect the Monies on the said Estimates & that John Stagg & George Gosman be appointed to superintend the paving of the said Streets.

Ordered that the Street Committee take order for improving the Ground commonly called the Fields in front of the Alms House Goal & Bridewell.

Ordered that the Committee on Improvements at the Battery appropriate such of the Materials of the Barracks as may be necessary for the erection of a Watch House at the City Hall and that the said Committee report a Plan of the Building.

On a Motion for making by way of experiment a Copper Pump

for drawing Water out of the River in Cases of [274] fire and thereby preventing the disagreable necessity of the Inhabitants going down into the Slips & handing the Water up in Buckets, debates arose on the utility of the Measure and the Question being put on the said Motion it passed in the Affirmative in manner following viz[t]

| for the Affirmative | for the Negative |
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| Ald[n] W Van Zandt | M[r] Recorder |
| Ald[n] Beekman | Ald[n] P. Van Zandt |
| Ald[n] Stoutenburgh | |
| M[r] Carmer | |
| M[r] Harsen | |
| M[r] Janeway | |
| M[r] Elsworth | |

Ordered that Ald[n] W. Van Zandt M[r] Carmer & M[r] Elsworth direct the making of such Pump accord[gly]

Ordered that Ald[n] P. Van Zandt be a Committee to locate about twenty Acres of the Common Lands to be reserved as a pasture for the Milch Cows at the Alms House and that they take order for the purchasing of Materials for fencing it in.

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Alex[r] Lamb for the City Watch..... | £116:11:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for the like..... | 155: 8:— |
| issued | Daniel Burger for Repairs to public Pumps..... | 15:14: 3 |
| issued | Jer[h] Smith for the like..... | 7:11: 6 |
| issued | Ab[m] Van Gelder for light[g] Lamps..... | 50:—:— |
| issued | Tho[s] White & Ja[s] Philips for filling in S[t] Nich[s] Street | 4: 2:— |

[275] City of New York } ss.

At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 6[th] day of Aug[t] 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Jerem[h] Wool | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | George Janeway | Assist[ts] |
| Nich[s] Bayard | | John Van Dyk | |
| Theo[s] Beekman | | Garret Harsen | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Nich[s] Carmer | |
| John Wyllcy | | W[m] J Elsworth | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | | |

M[r] Mayor & the other Members proceeded to examine & visit the several Wards in the Alms House & Bridewell and being returned, the Committee reported that they had examined the Acc[ts] of the Com-

missrs as to the expenditures for the last Quarter; which they found right vizt

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| Alms House | £1701: 7:— |
| Bridewell | 246:16: 1½ |

An Estimate for the ensuing Quarter was read & approved vizt

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| Alms House | £1600:—:— |
| Bridewell | 200:—:— |

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

issued The Commissrs of the Alms House the said two Sums accordingly.

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| issued | And to pay Nichs Carmer on acct towards Improvemts at the Govt House & Battery | £500:—:— |
| issued | John Walters for Repairs to Goal & Bridewell & erecting a fire Engine House | £56:—:— |
| issued | Wm Sloo for the Constables & Marshalls who apprenhended & conveyed Vagrants to Bridewell in the last Quarter | £21:15:— |

[276] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 20th Augt 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Wynant Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | Garret Harsen | Assistts |
| Nichs Bayard | | John Van Dyk | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | George Janeway | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Stephen McCrea | |
| John Wylley | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| Peter P. Van Zandt | | | |
| Jeremiah Wool | | | |

Ordered that George Webster be notified that unless he immediately proceed to the collection of the Monies assessed for the digging out & filling in Reade & Chambers Streets agreable to the Regulation this Board will be under the necessity of appointing a person in his stead.

A Petition of Richard Harison for a Grant of the Soil under Water in Hudsons River opposite to his Lots at the Brewery, was read & referred to Aldn W Zandt & Messrs Carmer & Janeway.

A Petition of John N Abeel for a Grant of the Soil under Water opposite to his Lots at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to the Street Committee.

[277] A Petition for the removal of a Pump in New Street was read & referred to the Street Committee

On reading a Petition of Isaac Clawson Ordered that Cherry

Street from the West side of George Slip to the East side of Rutgers Slip be immediately cleared of every Incumbrance and that the Aldn of the Ward be requested to take the legal & necessary Measures for compelling a compliance herewith

A Petition of Peter Byvanck for the appointment of five Persons according to Law to view his Lot situate between Beekman Slip and Peck Slip formerly the Property of John Bogert decd & distinguished by Lots No 146 & 147 between Water Street & front Street on which he is about to erect a Store House was read And James Robinson, John Stagg, John Moore George Gosman & Robert Gosman were appointed accordingly.

A Petition of Abm Van Gelder for an encrease to his allowance for lighting the public Lamps was read & referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Release from the Representatives of Joseph Baldwin decd of any Claim against this Board for the injury sustained to a Lot of the said Joseph Baldwin decd by the Alteration of Greenwich as awarded by the Commissrs on that Subject was read

And the said Lot being in the Possession of the Representatives of Mrs Lynsen [278] decd by virtue of a Mortgage It was Ordered that the Sum of £32 Pounds awarded by the Commissioners to the said Joseph Baldwin decd with Interest at 5 P Ct from 3d Septr 1789 be paid to Messrs Carey Ludlow & James Clarke for the Representatives of the said Mrs Lynsen decd

issued And that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasr to pay it accordingly

An Estimate and Assessment for paving Broad Street from Bridge Street to Front Street was read & ratified by the Board & Aert Huysman was appointed to collect the Monies thereon & John Stagg & George Gosman were appointed to superintend the paving of the said Street.

The Committee on the Petition for taking down the Building in Broad Street called the Exchange represented that they had not come to a Decision on the Subject.

Whereupon the Board proceeded to the consideration of the expediency of taking down the said Building and on the Question Whether it ought to be taken down it passed in the Negative by all the Members except Aldn Wool, Aldn W Van Zandt & Mr Harsen.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in little Chappel Street praying that the digging out of that Street may be [279] postponed until next Year was read & referred to the Street Committee.

An Application of Aldⁿ P Van Zandt to purchase the Common Lands in the Rear of his Land was read & referred to the Road Committee

Ordered that the Inhabitants be permitted to sink a Well in such part of Beaver Lane as the Aldⁿ & Assist. of *of* the Ward shall direct & that this Bᵈ will grant the usual Allowance

Ordered that the private Drains, which may have been inserted into the public Sewer or Drains in Broad Street without permission of this Board, be taken up again & that the Aldⁿ & Assist. of the Ward take order in this Business.

The following Report was read & filed

We the subscribers being a Committee for cancelling the Corporation small Change Notes do certify that we have examined & burn't to ashes the followᵍ

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| 10,000 | Tickets ..... | of 1ᵈ | £41:13: 4 |
| 9,000 | dº ..... | 2ᵈ | 75:—:— |
| 10,000 | dº ..... | 3ᵈ | 125:—:— |
| | | | 241:13: 4 |

New York 1ˢᵗ Augᵗ 1792.

Wynant Van Zandt
George Janeway
Nicholas Carmer
Willᵐ J Elsworth.

Ordered that Jacob Skaats be appointed a fireman to Hook & Ladder Compʸ Nº 1 vice Thomas Stephenson removed to another Engine

[280] Ordered that Mʳ Recorder with the Committee on the Improvements at the Battery & Govᵗ House enquire into the Title of Mʳ Joseph Smith to the House & Ground of Christʳ Blundel decᵈ & if they judge it expedient to purchase the same for the use of this Board.

Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Warrᵗˢ on the Treasʳ to pay

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| issued | Aldⁿ W Van Zandt the Sum of £50 on Accᵗ towards working the Mud Drudge | |
| issued | Aldⁿ Stoutenburgh for Repairs to the Corporation Wharf ..... | £24: 4: 6 |
| issued | Aldⁿ P Van Zandt for the expences of the Street Committee ..... | £5:10:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for 1 Qʳ Services..... | £10:—:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Compʸ of City Watchmen.... | 38:17:— |
| issued | Alexʳ Lamb for the like..... | 77:14:— |
| issued | Elias Burger Junʳ for addition to the Corporation Wharf ..... | 134: 2:— |
| issued | Archᵈ Dunlap for Repairs to public Pumps..... | 14: 6:— |

[281] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday Aug$^{t}$ 29$^{th}$ 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Wynant Van Zandt | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | George Janeway |
| Nicholas Bayard | | William J Elsworth |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Nicholas Carmer |
| John Wylley | | Stephen McCrea |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | John Van Dyk |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Garret Harsen |

A Letter from Mess$^{rs}$ W$^{m}$ & Abraham K Beekman was read informing the Board that they accede to the Terms of the B$^{d}$ as to the purchase of the Common Lands agreable to the Report of the Committee on that subject of the 9$^{th}$ July last

Also a Letter from Hugh Gaine was read in which he accedes to the Terms of the said Committee in their Report as to the five Pounds per Acre for the Common Land between the Rear of his Land & the 5 Acre Lots on the middle Road But that he conceives £20 per Acre, for the Common Lands within his fence, an adequate Price & prays the Board to reconsider the Subject & accept of that Price; which was agreed to by the Board.

[282] Whereupon it was ordered that the Committee direct the Surveyor to make an actual Survey of the common Land not already laid out into Lots distinguishing the Quantity Bounds & Courses of the Land intended to be conveyed to Mess$^{rs}$ Beekman & Gaine & that the Surveyor be instructed to run such Courses as will best accord with the General Map of the Common Lands.

The Street Committee reported on the Petition for postponing the digging out & filling in of Chappel Street Whereupon it was ordered by the B$^{d}$ the prosecution of the Work in the said Street from Barclay Street to Murray Street be suspended 'till the further order of the Board And that the Work in the residue of the said Street from Murray Street to Reade Street be immediately executed.

On the Petition of James Riker & others An Ordinance was passed for extending the digging out & filling in of the said Street from Reade to Barley Street

An Estimate and Assessment for the paving of Greenwich Street from Cortlandt Street to B: Swartwouts & Crown Street from Greenwich Street to the River was read & ratified by the Board and Thomas Lafoy was appointed to collect the Monies & Mess$^{rs}$ Stagg & Gosman to pave the said Streets

[283] The Street Committee reported on the Petition relative to a Pump & Well in New Street, that the Well ought to be filled up and that another should be sunk in some more convenient part of the Street under the direction of the Aldⁿ & Assistant of the Ward & that the Board give the usual Allowance which was agreed to by the Board

The same Committee reported on the Petition of Abᵐ Willson that in their Opinion the prayer ought not to be granted; which was also agreed to by the Board.

An Application of Robert Bowne for the appointment of five Persons according to Law to view and determine whether the Water Lot on which he intends to erect a Store House between Beekman & Burling Slips is capable of sustaining a Building of Brick or stone & covered with Tile or Slate was read And James Robinson John Stagg George Gosman John Moore & Robert Gosman were appointed accordᵍˡʸ

A Petition of Christina Arundius praying that she may have the Buildings on the Ground in the Rear of the Bridewell; which the Corporation recovered against her lately in Ejectmᵗ and proposing a partition line between her Land & the Corporations Land & to pass Releases to each other; was read & referred to the Committee on that Subject

[284] Mʳ Recorder from the Committee reported that they had investigated Mʳ Smiths Title to the House and Ground at the Battery formerly belonging to Christopher Blundell decᵈ and that Mʳ Smith by an Assignment on the back of the Letters Patent from the late Govʳ Clinton Mʳ Blundell hath good Title to the Premisses for the residue of the Term granted to wit 99 Years from the Year 1752 And Mʳ Recorder further reported that the lowest Price at which the premisses could be purchased was £750.

Whereupon the Board determined and ordered that the Committee conclude a bargain with Mʳ Smith on behalf of this Board for the said Premisses.

Aldⁿ Stoutenburgh from the Committee on Improvements at the Battery produced to the Board a Plan of the Ground with a Sketch of the manner in which the Committee contemplated to fence in the said Ground which was approved by the Board

Ordered that the Committee on Repairs to Hudson Market House take order for paving the Street on the West side thereof And also for letting to farm at public Auction the Cellars under the Market

Ordered that Aldⁿ Beekman and Messʳˢ Van Zandt & Janeway be a

Committee to take order for paving in front [285] of the Corporation Lots in King George Chatham & Thomas Streets.

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| issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to advance Evert Bancker Junr on acct the Sum of £13 to be deducted from his Acct against this Board for Surveying..... | £13:—:— |
| issued | And to pay Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps ..... | £50:10:— |
| issued | Jeremh W Wool as Clerk at an Election in the 1st Ward of a Constable..... | £0:16:— |
| issued | Archibald Dunlap for Repairs to public Pumps..... | £19:11:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Compy of City Watchmen.... | £38:17:— |

[286] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 3d day of Septr 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Theophilus Beekman<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Nicholas Bayard<br>Peter P Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | Garret Harsen<br>Nichs Carmer<br>Stephen McCrea<br>George Janeway<br>William J Elsworth<br>John Van Dyk | Assistts |

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Crown Street praying that the Expence of removing back a House which projects into the Street, be borne by the public; was read & referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Hook & Ladder Company of firemen No 2 praying an increase of their number; was read & rejected.

On reading a Petition of George Peck Ordered that he be permitted to occupy so much of Cherry Street as the Ship he is now building stands on until the said Ship is launched.

On reading a Petition of Thos Greswold & others Ordered that they be permitted to sink a Well with a pump agreable to the Corporation Regulation in such part of St James Street as the Aldn & Assist of the Ward shall direct and that this Board will grant the usual Allowance.

[287] The Committee on the Petition of the Corporation Tenants in Chatham Street for reimbursement of the Monies by them respectively paid for paving the Street reported that the prayer ought to be granted which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that the said Petitioners respectively produce to the Board an Acct with Receipts of the Sums by them respectively paid.

*The Street Committee reported to the Bd that in pursuance of the Order of the 25th May last they had caused Surveys of the regulation of the several Streets in the Meadows to be made to the end that the Commissrs appointed by the Act of the Legislature on that Subject may proceed to the Business committed to them. which said Surveys were examined & approved by the Board.

An explanation of the said Surveys as they respect the Regulation of the respective Streets was also read & approved as follows vizt

Roosevelt Street. Descent from Chatham Street to Batavia Lane 1 9/100 Inch on 10 feet accordingly at the Intersection of Bancker Street it must be raised 8 Inches, the Intersection of Rutgers Street 4 Inches and at the Intersection of Batavia Lane it must be lowered 2 feet 5 Inches. Sink the floor of the Common Sewer 6 Inches more and thence descent with the Common Sewer half an Inch on 10 feet, according to this the floor at the Mouth of the Common Sewer will be at the South side of front Street 4 Inches below high Water Mark The floor of the Common Sewer will be [288] 6 feet 11 Inches below the Channel in Cherry Street and 3 feet 9 Inches below the Ground at the North side of Water Street & at the South side of Water Street 7 Inches above high Water Mark

St James Street Descent from Chatham Street to Batavia Lane with 1 1/10 Inch on 10 feet—accordingly at the Intersection of Bancker Street it must be raised 8 feet 3 Inches at the Intersection of Rutgers Street 7 feet 2 Inches & at Batavia Lane 5 feet 4 Inches. From Batavia Lane to the present pavement in Cherry Street Descent of 3 Inches on 10 feet in order to reserve from Battavia Lane to front Street the same descent on 10 feet as above.

Chatham Square to be lowered at the Intersection of Catharine Street and the Bowery Road 2 feet 6 Inches agreable to the Regulation of the Bowery Road and thence with a Descent of 2 84/100 Inches on 10 feet to St James Street agreable to which it must be lowered opposite to Mr Dunlaps House 4 feet 7 Inches—at the head of Fayette Street 1 foot 4 Inches & opposite Mott Street 2 feet 9 Inches

Fayette & Oliver Street the head of Fayette Street to be lowered 1 foot 4 Inches agreable to the Regulation of Chatham Square & with a Descent of 2 95/100 Inches on 10 feet to Bancker Street, accordingly the center of Henry Street must be lowered 8 Inches from thence at the end of 96 feet it must be lowered 10 Inches & at the northerly [289] range of Bancker Street it must be raised 4 feet 7 Inches

* Marginal note reads *vide—new Regulation 18th March 1793 See P. 348.*—Ed.

Raise at the head of Oliver Street 6 feet 6 Inches and thence with a Descent of 1½ Inch on 10 feet to the distance of 162 feet beyond the Intersection of Rutgers Street—thence with a Descent of 4 $^{11}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet to the present pavement in Cherry Street, accordingly at the Intersection of Rutgers Street it must be raised 7 feet 7 Inches and at the end of 162 feet further 5 feet 9 Inches.

Catharine Street at the Intersection of the Bowery Road must be lowered 2 feet 6 Inches and thence with a descent of 2 $^{7}/_{10}$ Inches on 10 feet to the Intersection of William now called Bedlow Street—Accordingly at the Intersection of Division Street it must be lowered 3 feet 6 Inches, at the Intersection of Harman Street 3 feet 11 Inches at the Intersection of Henry Street 4 feet 11 Inches & at the Intersection of W$^{m}$ or Bedlow Street to be raised 8 Inches—from thence with a Descent of 1½ Inch on 10 feet to the Intersection of Cheapside Street and from thence with a Descent of 3 $^{7}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet to Cherry Street; accordingly at the Intersection of Lombard Street it must be raised 4 feet 10 Inches, at the Intersection of Rutgers Street 5 feet and at the Intersection of Cheapside Street 4 feet 8 Inches.

[290] Bancker Street, with a Descent of 1 $^{9}/_{100}$ Inch on 10 feet from Chesnut Street to Roosevelt Street from thence with an ascent of 2 $^{7}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet to S$^{t}$ James Street and raise N$^{o}$ 2 in the Map 6 feet 7 Inches. from S$^{t}$ James Street to the distance of 189 feet ascend 1 Inch on 10 feet and thence to the distance of 39 feet descend 1 Inch on 10 feet to Oliver Street From Oliver Street to opposite Fayette Street ascend 3 Inches on 10 feet in order to get 1½ Inch on 10 feet for the Water course, from Fayette Street to the distance of 78 feet ascend 1 Inch on 10 feet & from thence to the distance of 118 feet descend 1 Inch on 10 feet to Catharine Street.

Rutgers Street from Queen Street to Chesnut Street descent 11 Inches on 10 feet, from Chesnut Street to the proposed Regulation of Roosevelt Street, descent 4 $^{28}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet from Roosevelt Street to S$^{t}$ James Street ascent 2$^{3}/_{10}$ Inches on 10 feet, accordingly N$^{o}$ 3 must be raised 3 feet 3 Inches From S$^{t}$ James Street to the distance of 195 feet ascent 1 Inch on 10 feet & thence to the distance of 45 feet descend 1 Inch on 10 feet to Oliver Street, accordingly the center betwixt both must be raised 8 feet 8 Inches—from Oliver Street to the distance of 140 feet ascend 1 Inch on 10 feet and thence descend 1 Inch on 10 feet 100 feet to Catharine Street accordingly the center betwixt both must be raised 11 feet

[291] Batavia Lane from St James Street to the Mouth of the proposed common Sewer a descent of 2 $^{96}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet accordingly it must be raised at the distance of 120 from the center of S$^{t}$ James Street 1 foot 9 Inches.

Casimir Th. Goerik
Evert Bancker.

Then an Ordinance for the filling in with Earth and raising the Lots of Ground and Streets in the Tract of Land called the Meadows, in pursuance of the Statute passed the 6$^{th}$ April 1792, was read and passed by the Board.

The Committee on the Case of Samuel Maghee reported that they had made full enquiry into his Claim, that altho' they conceived the Board not legally bound to make good his losses in superintending the digging out of Chatham Street Yet as he was an infirm old Citizen & without Remedy against the Proprietors of the Lots in that Neighbourhood, the Committee are of Opinion that the Board pay him the Sum of £30 in full discharge of any further Claim on that Subject

Thereupon Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his W$^{t}$ on the Treasury to pay him that Sum accordingly — issued

Also to pay M$^{r}$ Janeway of the Com$^{tee}$ for paving King George, Tho$^{s}$ & Chatham Streets on Acc$^{t}$..... £40:—:— — issued

And Alex$^{r}$ Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen.. £38:17:— — issued

[292] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 10$^{th}$ September 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$: Isaac Stoutenburgh, Peter P Van Zandt, Theoph$^{s}$ Beekman, Wynant Van Zandt, Nich$^{s}$ Bayard, Jeremiah Wool

Assist$^{s}$: George Janeway, William J Elsworth, John Van Dyk, Garret Harsen, Nicholas Carmer

Peter Wynkoop Baker admitted & sworn a free Man &$^{c}$

The Board proceeded to the nomination & appointment of Inspectors at the ensuing Election of Charter Officers and to the fixing on Places in the respective Wards at which the said Election shall be held; And the following Persons were nominated & appointed & the follow$^{g}$ Places were fixed on viz$^{t}$

| Wards | Inspectors | Places of Election |
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| 1st | Nicholas Cruger | at Trinity Church |
| 2d | John Jones | City Hall |
| 3d | Cornelius J Bogert | North Church |
| 4th | William W Gilbert | St Pauls Church |
| 5th | Samuel Osgood | Timothy Titus's in Cherry Street |
| 6th | John Crolius Junr | Alms House |
| 7th | Henry Rutgers | Richd Varians |

[293] Ordered that Aldn W Van Zandt, Stoutenburgh & Beekman & Messrs Carmer & Janeway be a Committee to attend at the Treasurer's to examine & audit his Accts of the present Year & to report the same to the Board

On the Application of Jacob Morton Ordered that he be permitted to make an Area & Vault in the Street in front of his new House in Broadway And that Alexr Forbes have the like permission as to his new House opposite to Mr Morton's. to be done under the Direction of the Aldn & Assistant of the Ward.

The Committee appointed to purchase the Lots for continuing Roosevelts Street across Cherry Street to the River reported that they had concluded Bargains with Daniel Latham for one Lot on the So Side of Cherry Street containing in Breadth 37 feet 6 Inches & in length 70 feet for the Sum of £650. Also one other Lot of the said Latham on the South side of Water Street containing in breadth 36 feet 7 Inches & in length as far as his Grant extends into the River for the Sum of £950. Also one other Lot with the Buildings & Improvements thereon of Thomas White of the same Dimensions as the first abovementioned Lot of Latham for the Sum of £1700:—the Consideration Money to be paid on the delivery of the Deeds; which was agreed to by the Board.

Ordered that Mr Recorder inspect the Title of the said Lots And that the Surveyor make a Survey of them & report the same to the Board.

[294] Aldn Stoutenburgh presented to the Board An Assignment of the Grant & the Term to come of the Lot at the Battery lately belonging to Christopher Blundell decd which was read & approved by the Board Whereupon a Bond from this Corporation to *Joseph Thomas Smith conditioned for the payment of £750 on the first day of May next being the consideration Money was read & approved.

Ordered that the Common Seal be affixed thereto & that Mr Mayor

* Marginal note reads *See Warrt for £300. P. 296.*—Ed.

subscribe the same on behalf of the Board to be delivered to Mr Smith on his executing & delivering the said Assignment

Ordered that the Street Committee take order for digging out Greenwich Street where Reade Street intersects it so as to render it safe & passable for Carriages.

Ordered that the Treasurer give the preference to the Manufacturers of Spermaceti in this City in his purchases of Oil for the public Lamps.

Ordered that the Committee on Repairs to the public Buildings take order for the sinking of two Cisterns to receive the Rain Water from the City Hall

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Mr Janeway on Acct for paving King George Thomas & Chatham Streets..... | £40:—:— |
| issued | Mr Carmer on Acct for Battery..... | £500:—:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen | £38:17:— |
| issued | Jacob Fee for painting Work..... | £1:16:10½ |

[295] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 21st day of September 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Wynant Van Zandt, Theophilus Beekman, Nicholas Bayard, Peter P Van Zandt, Jeremiah Wool } Esqrs Alda

Nicholas Carmer, Garret Harsen, William J Elsworth, Tobias Van Zandt } Assistants

Cornelius J Bogert being necessarily absent from the City Moses Rogers was appointed Inspector of the ensuing Election in the third Ward in his stead.

It being represented to the Board by a Petition from several of the Neighbors that the East side of the Old Slip was so broken down as to admit the Filth & Dirt to run into & fill up the Slip. Whereupon it was ordered that the Alda & Assistt of the Ward take Measures for requiring Mr Isaac Roosevelt to repair the Wharf on the East side of the said Slip agreable to the Covenants contained in his Grant

issued On reading a petition of Jane Deacon Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasurer to pay her forty Shillings towards the support of her indigent family

A Petition of Garret Van Denbergh to be overseer of the Roads in the place of Mr Varian who declines the Service; was read & referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition against Vessels laden with Shingles lying an unreasonable length [296] of time in the old Slip; was read & referred to the Street Committee.

The Neighborhood having purchased of Mr Daniel Stanbury part of his Lot for the purpose of opening & continuing Gold Street into Francfort Street, for the Sum of £75 & they having raised & paid him the whole of the Money excepting £9:6:9 which they request the Board to pay at the public Expence.

issued

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Mr Stanbury the said last mentioned Sum on his executing & delivering a Release of part of his said Lot accordingly.

Mr Recorder reported to the Board on the Subject of the Title of the Lots purchased of Daniel Latham for the purpose of continuing Roosevelt Street to the River.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Daniel Latham the Sum of £1600/ the Consideration Money on his delivering the Deed for the said Lots duly executed.

issued

Ordered that John Colvill be appointed a fire Man to Engine No 4 vice John Ross removed.

An Ordinance for filling in Copsie Street agreable to it's Regulation was read & passed by the Board.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay off £300, of the Bond executed by the Board to Joseph Smith for the consideration Money of the Lot purchased of him at the Battery.

[297] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Aldn P Van Zandt towards the Well lately sunk at the head of Burlings Slip..... | £6:—:— |
| issued | Nathaniel Clark for a quantity of Lamp Oil..... | £182:17: 1 |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to the public Roads..... | £108: 2: 8 |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Saturday the 29th day of Septr 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theophilus Beekman
Peter P Van Zandt
Wynant Van Zandt
} Esqrs Aldn

Nicholas Carmer
Garrit Harsen
George Janeway
John Van Dyk
William J Elsworth
} Assists

The Committee appointed to examine & audit the Treasurers Books & Accounts reported " that they had attended to the Business and that

there appears to have been received since the last Settlement the Sum of £6733:15:7½ and paid out including the ballance due the City Treasurer on his last Settlement the Sum of £6280:13:9 That there remains a ballance in the hands of the City Treasurer of £453:1:10½ That from a State of the Books there appears [298] to be due to Effie Davis £39:19:8 to the City of New York £4358:17:6¾ The amount of outstanding Debts for the Revenue being £1386:12:10¾ On Contract for Com. Lands £2559:2:6¼ and Cash in the hands of the City Treasurer. £453:1:10½.

Com^tee { Isaac Stoutenburgh, Nich^s Carmer, Wynant Van Zandt, George Janeway

This being the Day appointed by Charter for the Election of the several Officers in this City for the ensuing Year the Clerk informed the Board that the Poll Lists of the Elections in the several Wards were not yet returned to his Office.

The Board then proceeded to the nomination & appointment of a Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City for the ensuing Year and Daniel Phœnix was duly nominated & appointed accordingly

M^r Mayor was then pleased to nominate & appoint James Culbertson High Constable for the ensuing Year.

Ordered that the Street Committee enquire into the circumstances of Roosevelt Street and report to the Board what Measures can be taken for carrying off the Water until the Common Sewer intended can be made

[299] The following Report was read and agreed to by the Board.

The Street Committee Report that they have caused the *Street newly laid out on the westerly side of the Gov^t House to be surveyed & recommend the following Regulation Beginning at the Kennel on the southerly side of Kennedy's Lane and ascending one Inch on every 10 feet to the distance of 79 feet. Thence descending one Inch & $^{68}/_{100}$ on every 10 feet to the distance of 486 feet. Thence descending one Inch on every 10 feet to the distance of 120 feet to Copsie Street. Thence descending 1 Inch & $^{9}/_{100}$ on every 10 feet to the Distance of 449 feet down Copsie Street to the Kennel on the Westerly side of Whitehall Street.

Peter P Van Zandt
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Theoph^s Beekman

* Marginal note reads *State Street*.—ED.

issued Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay Alexr Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen ..... £67:14:—

[300] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the 2d day of Octr 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

Peter P Van Zandt, Theophs Beekman, Wynant Van Zandt, Isaac Stoutenburgh } Esqrs Aldermen

William J Elsworth, George Janeway, Stephen McCrea, John Van Dyk, Garret Harsen } Assistts

Pursuant to the Directions of the Statute entitled "An Act for emitting the Sum of two hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of credit for the purposes therein mentioned" passed the 18th April 1786 Evert Bancker & Cornelius Ray Esqrs Loan Officers of the City and County of New York laid before the Board the Books of Mortgages Minutes and Accounts by them taken and kept as Loan Officers as aforesaid and this Board having carefully inspected and examined the said Books Minutes and Accounts Do find that the said Loan Officers have received the Sum of £1355:10:8 being the full amount of Interest due on the third Tuesday of September last on the Sum of £27110:13/ at 5 P Ct remaining in their hands on the third Tuesday in June 1791 & the Sum of £14:5/ from the Estate of Wm Goforth sold And the Sum of £11:8/ from Peter Van B Livingston and that they have received the further Sum of £4681:7/ from sundry Persons on account for principal which said several Sums after deducting thereout the Sum of £80 for their Salary [301] they had paid into the Treasury of the State And that there appears to be an overplus remaining in the loan Officers hands of £8:15/ on the Sale of the Estate of Wm Goforth And further that the said Loan Officers have faithfully discharged the Trust in them reposed and performed their Duty in manner as by the said Statute is directed and required.

An Ordinance for paving Barclay Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead at the River was read & passed by the Board.

Ordered that the Commissioners named in the Act of the Legislature for regulating the Meadows be informed that it is the wish of this Board that they proceed to the Business committed to them by the said Act.

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 8th day of October 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Theophilus Beekman, Isaac Stoutenburgh, Peter P Van Zandt, Wynant Van Zandt } Esqrs Alda

William J Elsworth, Garret Harsen, George Janeway, Stephen McCrea, John Van Dyk } Assistts

Pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided the Treasurer or Chamberlain of this City attended and produced to the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen for their [302] Inspection and Examination his Accounts and Vouchers of the Receipt and Expenditures of the Monies raised by Tax the last Year; which they found to be just and right and they certified the same accordingly.

The Clerk presented to the Board the Poll Lists of the late Elections in the several Wards of Charter Officers from which the following Persons appear to be elected. vizt

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| 1st Ward..... | Gabriel Furman | Alderman |
| | Frederick Stymets | Assistant |
| | Bernardus Swartwout Junr | Assessors |
| | William Brown | |
| | Aert Huysman | Collector |
| | Nathaniel Ogden | Constables |
| | John Johnson | |
| 2d Ward..... | Wynant Van Zandt | Alderman |
| | Garret Harsen | Assistant |
| | Gabriel W Ludlow | Assessors |
| | Robert C Livingston | |
| | William Gilbert | Collector |
| | Barnt Newkerk | Constables |
| | Abraham Martling | |
| 3d Ward..... | Peter P Van Zandt | Alderman |
| | Nicholas Carmer | Assistant |
| | John J Glover | Assessors |
| | John McVickar | |
| | Hugh Montgomery | Collector |
| | Charles Handasyde | Constables |
| | David Burger | |
| 4th Ward..... | Isaac Stoutenburgh | Alderman |
| | Anthony Post | Assistant |
| | George Stanton | Assessors |
| | Ahasuerus Turk | |
| | Thomas Lafoy | Collector |
| | John Ackerman | Constables |
| | John Rains | |

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| [303] | Theophilus Beekman | | Alderman |
| | Tobias Van Zandt | | Assistant |
| 5th Ward..... | Peter Cole | | Assessors |
| | James Tylee | | |
| | David Harriot | | Collector |
| | John Fleming | | Constables |
| | William Cummings | | |
| | John Campbell | | Alderman |
| | George Janeway | | Assistant |
| 6th Ward..... | Henry Snydor | | Assessors |
| | John Lewis | | |
| | John Fox | | Collector |
| | William Campbell | | Constables |
| | Robert Berwick | | |
| | Nicholas Bayard | | Alderman |
| | Mangel Minthorne | | Assistant |
| 7th Ward..... | Edward Williams ... | Bowery Division ..... | Assessors |
| | Rem Rapalye ..... | ..... | |
| | Richard Furman .... | ..... | Collector |
| | John Dietz ..... | ..... | Constables |
| | Francis White ..... | ..... | |
| | Jonathan Randle .... | Haerlem Division ..... | Assessors |
| | William Moulinaer . | ..... | |
| | John Bussing ..... | ..... | Collector |
| | Hendrick Shearman | ..... | Constables |
| | Cornelius Harsen ... | ..... | |

Ordered that several Persons above named (except those elected to the Office of Collector) be notified to attend at the City Hall on Monday the 15th Instant 11 OClock in the forenoon to take and subscribe the Oaths by Law prescribed and directed.

A Letter from Mr Abijah Hammond was read wherein he informs the Board that he had at his own private Expence imported from Boston the boring Apparatus for sinking Wells in any place and obtaining the Water [304] of the best quality and requesting the Board to accept of the same for the use and benefit of the Inhabitants of this City. Whereupon it was ordered that Mr Mayor be requested to inform Mr Hammond that this Board accept of & on behalf of the Citizens thank him for his generous present

Ordered further that the Street Committee take order for employing the Person lately arrived from Boston & recommended by Mr Hammond in sinking a Well on the Lot adjoining the City Hall by way of experiment & proof of the Apparatus & new Method.

issued And that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to advance the Street Committee £60 on acct for that purpose

The Street Committee reported that as the Season was too far advanced for making the Drain in Roosevelt Street of Brick or Stone; a temporary Drain of Wood would be attended with no great Expence and as the Inhabits in that Quarter would experience the greatest Inconveniences in the course of the next Winter, the Committee were [of] opinion that such temporary Drain ought to be made immedately

issued Whereupon it was ordered that the sd Committee take order for making the temporary Drain & that Mr Mayor issue his Wt on the Treasurer to advance the Committee £60 on account towards making such Drain accordingly

A Letter from Wm Bedlow complaining of the Intrusions on Cherry Street was read & referred to the Aldn of the Ward [305] to take the legal Measures for remedying the Grievance complained of

The Street Committee reported that the prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants in Crown Street for the removal of a House, which stands on part of the Street at the public Expence ought not to be granted which was agreed to by the Board

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Reade Street complaining of some Difficulties which arise in the digging out of that Street was read & referred to the Street Comtee

Ordered that Stephen Dolbier be appointed a fire Man to Engine No 17 vice Francis I'Ans removed and Timothy Van Nostrandt to Engine No 4 vice Nathl Woodward removed to Engine No 20

A Deed from Thomas White for the Lot of Ground lately purchased of him for continuing Roosevelt Street to the River was presented to the Board and referred to Mr Recorder to examine & report on.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting Lamps..... | £50: 5:— |
| issued | The same for ballce of his Acct in the Lamp Department ..... | 58:10: 3 |
| issued | John Graham for repairs to Lamps..... | 26: 1:— |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey for 1 Qr as public Whipper..... | 10: 5:— |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for ballce due him in the fire Engine Department ..... | 229:16: 2 |
| | The same for repairs City Hall Roof..... | 1:16:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen 2 Weeks ..... | 77:14:— |

[306] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 15th day of October 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | George Janeway |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Nicholas Carmer |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen |
| Nicholas Bayard | | Anthony Post |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Frederick Stymets |
| John Campbell | | Mangel Minthorne |
| Gabriel Furman | | |

His Excellency the Governor by & with the advice and consent of the Council of Appointment having been pleased to appoint Richard Varick Esqr to the Offices of Mayor, Water Bailif & Clerk of the Market of this City and William J Elsworth Gentleman to the Office of Coroner of this City for the ensuing Year

His Excellency came into the Common Council Chamber & in presence of the Aldermen above named administred to the Mayor the Oaths prescribed & directed by the Charter of this City. Whereupon the Commissions of the Mayor & Coroner were published in the City Hall with the usual Solemnities And then Mr Mayor administered to the several Aldermen & Assistants above mentioned and to the several following Officers their respective Oaths [307] of Office as prescribed in and by the Charter of this City vizt

William J Elsworth Coroner

Daniel Phœnix Treasurer or Chamberlain who produced a Bond for the due execution of his Office which was approved by the Board.

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| Bernardus Swartwout Junr | Assessors | Nathaniel Ogden |
| William Brown | | John Johnson |
| Gabriel W Ludlow | | Barnt Newkerk |
| Robert C Livingston | | Abraham Martling |
| John J Glover | | Charles Handasyde |
| John McVickar | | David Burger |
| George Stanton | | John Ackerman |
| Ahasuerus Turk | | John Rains |
| Peter Cole | | John Fleming |
| James Tylee | | William Cummings |
| Henry Snydore | | William Campbell |
| Jonathan Randle | | Robert Berwick |
| William Moulinar | | John Dietz |
| | | Francis White |
| James Culbertson high Constable | | Hendrick Shearman |

Constables

Ordered that Mr Tobias Van Zandt Assistant John Lewis, Edward Williams & Rem Rapalye Assessors & Cornelius Harsen Constable (all of whom are absent) be notified to attend next [308] Monday Afternoon to take their respective Oath's of Office.

Ordered that Aldn Stoutenburgh W. Van Zandt, P. Van Zandt, Beekman & Furman & Messrs Janeway & Minthorne be a standing Committee for Streets & Roads That Aldn W Van Zandt & Messrs Janeway & Post be a standing Committee for Lamps And that Aldn Campbell & Messrs Carmer & Harsen be a standing Committee for auditing all Accts brought agt this Board for payments

Ordered that the new Members take the places of their predecessors in all Cases where any Subject hath been referred and not reported on.

Ordered that the auditing Committee do from time to time previous to the Quarterly Meeting of this Board at the Alms House & Bridewell examine & audit the Accts of the Commissioners and report the same to the Board.

[309] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 22d day of Octr 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Saml Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard | Esqrs Aldn | Garrit Harsen | Assistts |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Anthony Post | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Mangel Minthorne | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Nicholas Carmer | |
| John Campbell | | Frederick Stymets | |
| Gabriel Furman | | George Janeway | |

Tobias Van Zandt Assistant for the fifth Ward & Cornelius Harsen Constable for Harlem Division of the seventh Ward attended & took the Oaths prescribed & directed by Charter

John Lewis elected Assessor for the sixth Ward attended and represented to the Board his advanced Age (approaching eighty Years) and consequent bodily Infirmity and refused to take the Oaths of Office.

Thereupon ordered that an Election be held in the said Ward on Thursday the 1st Novr next of an Assessor in his stead.

Ordered that the Committee [310] examine & make such Repairs to the Goal as may be necessary agt the approaching Cold Season.

Mr Recorder reported on the Deed from Thomas White for the Lot of Ground purchased of him for continuing Roosevelt Street to the River

Thereupon ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Wt on the Treasurer to pay him £1700/ the consideration Money with Interest from the first day of Septembr last together with the Sum of £1:12/ for half the Drgs of the Deed. issued

Aldn Stoutenburgh from the Street Committee reported that they had procured a quantity of Post & Rails for the purpose of enclosing the Pasture in the Common Lands for the Cows of the Alms House and proposed that they should be used for the present to enclose the fields in front of the Alms House to protect the Trees intended to be planted there this Fall.

Ordered that the Street Committee take order for the enclosing of the said Fields accordingly

Ordered that the Street Committee cause a Survey to be made of the Road contemplated to run from the Blooming Dale Road to the Heights of Harlem and report the same to the Board.

[311] It being conceived expedient that the Lamplighters should have a place of Rendezvous Ordered that this Board will pay, not exceeding five pounds, per annum for the use of a Room for the purpose.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay Mr Janeway on acct the further Sum of £50 towards paving Thomas & Chatham Streets. issued

Aldn W Van Zandt the further Sum of £150 on acct towards working the Mud Scow. issued

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| issued | Rinier Skaats for fire Wood for Watch House & Court Rooms | £40:—:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen | £38:17:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the like | £38:17:— |
| issued | Corlis & Olney for a Cask of Lamp Oil | £5: 3: 1 |
| issued | Michl Brooks for repairs public Lamps | £37:18: 3 |
| issued | Josiah Furman for the like | £45: 6: 8 |

[312] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday the 5th Novr 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Nicholas Bayard | Esqr Aldn | Nicholas Carmer | Assistants |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Garret Harsen | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Mangel Minthorne | |
| John Campbell | | Anthony Post | |
| Gabriel Furman | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | George Janeway | |
| Theophs Beekman | | Frederick Stymets | |

The auditing Committee reported that they had examined the Accounts of the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell for the last Quarter and found them right and that those of the

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| Alms House amounted to..... | £1407:17: 9½ |
| and of the Bridewell to..... | 594:13:11 |

An Estimate of the Commissioners for the ensuing Quarter vizt

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| Alms Hs ..... | £1400:—:— |
| Bridewell ..... | 200:—:— |

was read & approved & Mr Mayor was ordered to issue his issued Wt on the Treasurer to pay the said two Sums accordingly

The Poll List of the Election held in the 6th Ward of an Assessor in the Place of John Lewis was presented from which it appears that Scott Clark was duly elected Ordered that he be notified to attend & take the Oaths of Office.

[313] A Petition of Peter Byvanck was read setting forth that the Water Lot of which he prayed a Grant some time ago is in front of the Lot of Ground the property of which is vested in his Wife; and therefore praying that the order of this Board directing a Grant of the said Water Lot to be made to him may be vacated and that a Grant thereof be made to Ann Byvanck his Wife Thereupon ordered that the said Order for making out the said Grant to the said Peter Byvanck be vacated & that the Grant of the said Water Lot be made out to the said Ann Byvanck accordingly

Ordered that Aldn Stoutenburgh and Messrs Carmer & Stymets be a Committee from time to time to assist and advise the Treasurer relative to the leasing out of the Corporation Lots as also in all other Cases wherein the landed property of this Corporation may be concerned.

A Petition of Michael Havener relative to a Lot on Inchlambergh was read and referred to the said Committee.

Ordered that the Act to prevent this City from the Danger arising from the storing of Gun Powder be republished with a Request that the fire Men see to the due execution of the said Law

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House be authorized to pull down the old Stable and to build another (using the Materials of the old as far as they will go) on such part of the Bridewell Ground as they shall judge expedient.

[314] Ordered that the Commissioners supply the family of the Schoolmaster of the Alms House with two Cords of fire Wood.

Ordered that William Post be appointed a fire Man to Engine N° 20 vice Jacob Abrams resigned.

And Benjamin G Minthurn to Engine N° 18 vice Orange Webb resigned

It appear to the Board that Harmanus Skaats (from irregular Life is unquallified to execute the Office of a public Measurer Ordered that he be removed from the said Office.

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| issued | Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrant on the Treasr to advance to the Committee on Improvements at the Battery the further Sum of..... | £1000:—:— |
| issued | And to Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps 1 Month ..... | £50: 5:— |
| issued | Edward Meeks for Iron Work to the public Lamps..... | 9: 2: 6 |
| issued | Jeremh Smith for Repairs to the public Pumps..... | 10:18:11 |
| issued | Wm Sloo for conveyg Vagrants to Bridewell..... | 19: 7: 6 |
| issued | Enos Tomkins towards a Well in Beaver Lane..... | 6: 6: 8 |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen..... | 38:17:— |
| | James Culbertson for the like..... | 38:17:— |
| issued | Jonathan Pearssee for subsisting criminal Prisoners from the Mths of Octr 1791 to Septr 1792 inclusive..... | 162:15: 6 |

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[316] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 12th Novr 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Gabriel Furman<br>Peter P. Van Zandt<br>Theops Beekman<br>John Campbell | Esqrs Aldn | Frederick Stymets<br>Garret Harsen<br>Nicholas Carmer<br>Anthony Post<br>George Janeway<br>Mangel Minthorne | Assistts |

Ordered that an Application be made to the Legislature for a Law to raise the Sum of £15000 by Tax for the support of the Poor & the other contingent Expences of this City the ensuing Year & the further Sum of £1000 for compleating the Improvements at the Battery And that a Petition be prepared for the Purpose, with the Seal of this Corporation affixed and that Mr Mayor subscribe & present the same on behalf of this Board.

In consequence of a presentment by the Grand Jurors against the High Constable for his indulgence or neglect in compelling the Inhabitants to clean the Streets.

Ordered that the Street Law be republished reciting the said [317] Presentment and enjoining it on the High Constable (whose immediate Duty it is) and also on the other Constables & the Marshalls to cause the Law to be rigorously executed.

On reading a Petition of Anthony Lispenard & others complaining of abuse in the measurement of Charcoal brought to & exposed to sale in this City Ordered that the Clerk prepare an Ordinance to remedy the Evil

A Petition of the Bakers complaining of the Allowance made them in the standard of the Assize for baking Loaf Bread was read & referred to the Treasurer to report on.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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|---|---|---|
| issued | Alexr Lamb for the City Watchmen | £38:17:— |
| issued | Isaac Varian for Repairs to Roads | £146: 0: 4 |
| issued | Jacobs Altgeld for the use of a Road thro' his Land during the digging of Greenwich Street | £1:—:— |
| issued | John Campbell late Coroner | £30: 3:— |
| issued | Cornelius B Sebring for Iron Work to public Pumps | £4: 3: 6 |
| issued | The same for the like at the Goal | £3: 2: 1½ |
| issued | Cornelius Bogert, Jno J Roome James Hounam, Saml Dodge Thos Gilbert & Jno J Roome as Clerks of the late Election of Charter Officers 16/ each | £4:16:— |

[318] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 19th November 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor

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| Peter P Van Zandt<br>John Campbell<br>Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Nicholas Bayard<br>Gabriel Furman<br>Theophilus Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | Nicholas Carmer<br>Garret Harsen<br>Frederick Stymets<br>Anthony Post<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Mangel Minthorne | Assistants |

The Committee for the purpose appointed reported that they had attended at the Treasurers and examined and burnt to ashes of the defaced Notes emitted for small Change as follows vizt

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| 7500 of one penny | £31: 5:— |
| 6000 of two pence | 50:—:— |
| 6500 of three pence | 81: 5:— |
| | £162: 10:— |

The Clerk according to order presented "a Law to regulate the Sale of Charcoal" which was read considered by Paragraph's & passed by the Board & ordered to be published.

A Petition of Henry Ten Broeck Butcher for a Stand in the Hudson Market House was read & rejected.

A Petition of George Stanton for permission to have an Area of three feet in front of his House in Partition Street was read and granted.

[319] The Treasurer made a Report on the Petition from the Bakers which was read & referred to Aldn P Van Zandt & Messrs Harsen & Stymets.

A Petition of John Holdran for an abatement of Rent for the Paulus Hook Ferry; was read and referred to Aldn Stoutenburgh & Messrs Post & Harsen.

Ordered that the same Committee enquire into & report some Regulation with Respect to the Lime Boats in the Slip at the said Ferry and also the Carts which carry the Lime, so as to prevent the Inconvenience complained of by Passengers who pass the said Ferry

Ordered that Aldn Campbell & Messrs Minthorne & Janeway be a Committee to enquire into the execution of Mr A. Hamiltons Contract for digging out & filling in Read & Chambers Street

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasr to pay.

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| issued | Aldn W Van Zandt the balloe of his Acct for sinking a Well in Broad Street near the City Hall..... | £55: 8: 5 |
| issued | John Pintard for fire Wardens Wands..... | £4: 3:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | £38:17:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for 1 Qr Salary & Disbursemts..... | £11: 6: 2 |
| issued | Geo. Collis for Iron Work to Pumps..... | £4:10: 7 |
| issued | John McKesson for a Record of the Supreme Court... | £2:10:— |

[320] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 26th Novr 1792

Present/ Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Gabriel Furman | Esqrs Aldn | Frederick Stymets | Assists |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Nichs Carmer | |
| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | Anthoy Post | |
| Theophs Beekman | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| John Campbell | | George Janeway | |
| Nichs Bayard | | Mangel Minthorn | |

The Committee appointed to view the present State of Chambers & Reade Streets reported "that in order to obtain a discharge of the Water out of the sd Streets, it will be requisite to remove the Earth out of Greenwich Street conformable to the Survey and regulation thereof; Beginning at the intersection of Warren Street and ascending to the intersection of Reade Street and that Greenwich Street be dug out as aforesaid from the middle to the east side thereof. That the Carriage Way on the West side of Greenwich Street be continued as it is until a more convenient way can be made on the East side and that as many Carts and Laborers be employed as can [321] conveniently work thereat to do the same with the greatest dispatch."

Which said Report was agreed to by the Board And it was ordered that the Street Committee take order for the immediate execution thereof

Ordered that Mr Recorder issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Casimir Th: Gœrick for surveying & making Surveys of Streets ..... | £49:12:— |
| issued | Aldn P. Van Zandt for his Disbursemts for the Street Committee ..... | £4:16: 9 |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for City Watch..... | £38:17:— |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Thursday the 6th day of Decr 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder
And all the Members except Mr Nichs Carmer Assist

It being represented that from the late encrease of the number of Paupers in the Alms House that place is become so crowded as to render their accommodation very uncomfortable.

Therefore ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell be authorized to appropriate two of the Bridewell Rooms as a Work House for such of the Alms House Inhabitants as they shall from time to time think proper to remove thither And to appoint a proper Person as an Assistant to the Keeper of the Alms House to superintend this Department with a reasonable Allowance for his Services

[322] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 17th Decr 1792.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Isaac Stoutenburgh, John Campbell, Peter P Van Zandt, Gabriel Furman, Nichs Bayard } Esqrs Aldn

George Janeway, Mangel Minthorne, Garret Harsen, Anthony Post } Assistts

Ordered that Bonds be prepared from this Corporation to Cornelius Clopper conditioned each for the payment of £500. with Interest at five per cent. that the Seal of this Corporation be affixed thereto and that Mr Mayor subscribe the same on behalf of this Board. And that the Treasurer appropriate the said Monies towards payment of the Money loaned at the Bank for the purchasing of the Lots intended for the opening of Roosevelt Street to the River.

An Estimate & Assessmt for the digging out of Church Street was read and ratified by the Board and John Fox was appointed to collect the Monies in the said Assessmt mentioned

Rem Rapalye & Edward Williams—Assessors for the Bowery Division of the 7th Ward attended & took the Oath by Law prescribed and directed.

[323] A Petition of Henry Low for a Piece of the Common Lands was read and referred to the Land Committee.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrt on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Abm Fincher towards the support of his indigent family | £4:—:— |
| issued | Stagg & Gosman for the paving of Greenwich Street in front of Thames Slip | £132: 0: 5 |
| issued | The same on account towards the Corporations part of paving Copsie Street | £80:—:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen | £91: 6:— |
| issued | The same for Repairs to the Fly Market | £4:15:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen | £42: 5:— |
| issued | John Goodeve for a box Candles | £2: 1: 3 |
| issued | Jacob Clynch & —— Codwise as Clerks at the late Election of Charter Officers | £1:12:— |
| issued | James Dickson for Repairs to Cathn Slip Market | £11:10: 2½ |
| issued | Alsop & Hicks for lamp Oil | £63: 2:10 |
| issued | Hussey & Barnard for the like | £86: 8: 1¼ |
| issued | Garrit Van Denbergh for Repairs to the public Roads | £15: 9: 9 |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps | £50: 5:— |

[324] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Friday the 28th day of Decr 1792

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esqrs Aldn | George Janeway | Assistts |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen | |
| Gabriel Furman | | Anthony Post | |
| John Campbell | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Peter Van Zandt | | Mangel Minthorn | |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Frederick Stymets | |

An Estimate & Assessment for the paving of Copsey Street was read & ratified by the Board & George Gosman was appointed to collect the Monies therein mentioned.

Messrs Gosman & Stagg having recd £80 on Acct towards the Corporations part of paving the said Street & they having agreed to allow £150 for the Earth taken from the old Fort to fill in the said Street there remains due from the Corporation to them the Sum of £7: 19: 6 in full for the Corporations part of paving the said Street.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Wt on the Treasurer to pay the said Ballce accordgly

A Petition for the regulation of Washington Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[325] John Watts, John Delancey & William W Gilbert Esq$^{rs}$ Members for this City in the House of Assembly came into the Common Council to consult the Board on the Subject of two Petitions which had been presented to the Legislature by some of the Inhabitants for the widening and improving the lower part of Johns Street where it enters Queens Street and for the opening and continuing of Bancker Street into Queen Street, together with a petition of Thomas Pearsall against the prayer of the said Petition relative to John Street; which said Petitions were referred by the House of Assembly to the Members for this City & County to report on.

The said Petitions were respectively read and after a consultation between the abovenamed Gentlemen & the Board.

It was Ordered that Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh M$^{r}$ Janeway & M$^{r}$ Harsen be a Committee to view the said Streets and to treat with the proprietors as to the Price of the Ground which may be required for the widening and continuing the said Streets & to report to the Board with all possible speed.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Recorder with such Counsel as he may employ investigate the Claim of Daniel Dunbar with [326] *with* respect to the right of Wharfage at Burlings Slip and if it shall appear to them necessary to commence a prosecution against him on behalf of this Board.

Resolved that this Board will make suitable provision for compensating the Commissioners named in the Law for the Regulations & Improvements intended to be made in that part of the City commonly called the Meadows, for their Services & necessary Expences

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Simon Kiersted for Repairs to the public Pumps..... | £76: 8: 6 |
| issued | Daniel Burger for the like..... | 20:14: 3 |
| issued | Sam$^{l}$ Hallet for plowing & levelling the Ground in front of Alms H$^{s}$..... | £2:10:— |
| issued | David Waldron for Repairs to the public Roads..... | £83:12: 5 |
| issued | Alex$^{r}$ Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen..... | £50:15:— |
| issued | Ab$^{m}$ Van Gelder for cleaning & lighting the public Lamps ..... | £50: 5:— |

[327] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Tuesday the first day of Jan$^{y}$ 1793

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder
& all the Ald$^{n}$ & Assistants.

Doubts having arisen whether by Statute passed the 18$^{th}$ Dec$^{r}$ last "for electing Representatives for this State in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America" the Inspectors, who presided at the last Election in this City of Governor Lieut Governor Senators and Members of Assembly, were not intended by the said Law to be the Inspectors of the ensuing Election of a Representative for this City in Congress Wherefore the Board reappointed the same persons who were Inspectors at the said last Election to be Inspectors of the said ensuing Election excepting in the case of Jacobus Lefferts dec$^{d}$ in whose place they appointed Peter Van Steenbergh.

[328] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 7$^{th}$ day of Jan$^{y}$ 1793

Present/ Richard Varick Esq$^{r}$ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esq$^{rs}$ Ald$^{n}$ | Garret Harsen | Assist$^{s}$ |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Tobias Van Zandt | |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Anthony Post | |
| Nich$^{s}$ Bayard | | Mangel Minthorn | |
| Gabriel Furman | | Frederick Stymets | |
| John Campbell | | | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | | |

A Petition of Joseph Cheesman relative to a ball$^{ce}$ due him for the paving of Cherry Street; was read and referred to Ald$^{n}$ Beekman & Mess$^{rs}$ Van Zandt & Minthorn.

A Petition of James Tylee for reimbursement of Monies by him paid for paving Chatham Street in front of the Lot by him purchased of this Corporation; was read and referred to Ald$^{n}$ Stoutenburgh & Mess$^{rs}$ Carmer & Harsen.

Ordered that the follow$^{g}$ Persons be appointed firemen of this City viz$^{t}$ Matthew Riker to Engine N$^{o}$ 8 vice Isaac Verveelen dec$^{d}$

Joshua Hunt to N$^{o}$ 6. vice Ab$^{m}$ Dey resigned Simon Kiersted to N$^{o}$ 3 vice Harm$^{s}$ Skaats D$^{o}$ Jonas Utt to N$^{o}$ 13 vice Walter Heyer—D$^{o}$

[329] Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Wart on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Elias Burger Junr for Repairs to the Wharf North River ..... | £4:12: 8 |
| issued | Joseph Shelvey for 1 Qr Services as public Whipper &c | £10:15:— |
| issued | John Simmons for the Expences of a public Dinner on the late anniversary of the Evacuation of this City by the British Troops..... | £34:13:— |
| | & for the Expences of the Street Committee..... | 3: 2:— |
| | | £37:15:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen..... | £50:15:— |
| issued | Aldn Beekman for the ballce due him for the temporary Drain in Roosevelts Street..... | £11: 2:10 |
| issued | Trenton & McNab for plank at the Bridge at Pecks Slip | £23: 3: 8 |

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday Janr 21st 1793.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Nichs Bayard
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Peter P Van Zandt
Gabriel Furman
Wynant Van Zandt
John Campbell
Theophs Beekman
} Esqrs Aldn

Garret Harsen
Tobias Van Zandt
George Janeway
Mangel Minthorn
} Assistts

[330] The Committee appointed to enquire into and report on the Subject of improving John Street where it approaches and intersects Queen Street.

Report that the said Street in it's present condition is at it's entrance only 12 feet 4 Inches in wedth and at the Northeast Corner of the Rear of Moses Rogers's House 17 feet 4 Inches and at an angle on the Lot of Danl Tooker 16 feet 9 Inches. That the said Street may be made convenient by taking about 8 feet 8 Inches from the front of the House and Lot of Thomas Pearsall on Queen Street and 3 feet 2 Inches at the end of his House on Golden Hill, thence a strait Line to the end of his Lot, and by a Line to be drawn from the Rear of Moses Rogers's House across the Lots of Daniel Tooker,

John Harrison & John Sproson to the front of the House of Alex[r] Crawford agreable to the Survey accompanying the Report Whereupon resolved that the Members for this City & County in the hon[ble] the House of Assembly be furnished with Copies of the said Report (with the said Survey accompanying it) and of this Resolution under the Seal of this Corporation and that they be informed that it is the wish of this Board that Provision [331] be made by Law to enable them to accomplish the Improvement of the said Street agreable to the said Report and Survey and also for the purpose of estimating the value of the Ground & Buildings which will be required for the improving of the said Street and for assessing the amount thereof on the Proprietors of the House and Lots in the vicinity according to the advantage which they shall appear to acquire respectively

The Committee on the Petition of James Tylee praying a reimbursement of £11:3/ for paving in front of a Lot in Chatham Street (previous to his purchasing the fee thereof of this Corporation) report that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted.

issued Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer to pay M[r] Tylee the said Sum accordingly

A Petition of Isaac Roosevelt Esq[r] & others complaining of the late Survey and regulation of S[t] James Street and the other Streets in the Meadows was read.

Whereupon ordered that the Surveyor be directed to make & report to the B[d] a new Survey of S[t] James Street and the other Streets in connection, by taking a regular ascent of one Inch on ten feet from the Wall Plate at the [332] Slip in front of S[t] James Street, to Banckers Street.

Ald[n] Beekman reported to the Board a Survey of the Ground of Dan[l] Bonnet through which it will be necessary to continue Franckfort Street, and that the proportion of the said Ground which will be required for the said Street can be obtained for £400.

Ordered that the Committee conclude a bargain for the said Ground accord[y]

A Petition of Lawrence Embree & others for leave to make a Walk in front of the Arch of the Common Sewer in Queen Street at Burlings Slip, And a Petition of Thomas Pearsall & others praying that, if the said Walk is permitted to be made, it be done under the Direction of this Board were respectively read.

Ordered that permission be given to make the said Walk under the immediate Direction of the Street Committee.

A Petition in nature of a proposal relative to the carrying out a Pier on the West side of Burlings Slip, from Aldⁿ P. Van Zandt was read & referred to Aldⁿ Campbell & Messʳˢ Minthorn & Stymets.

A Survey of the Common Lands intended to be granted to Messʳˢ Beekman Van Zandt & Gaine was presented to the Board and disapproved of And it was ordered that the Surveyor [333] amend the said Survey by running the division Lines of the three Lots or parcels of Land intended to be granted as aforesaid parellel with the Lines of the respective Farms of those Gentlemen binding on the Common Lands.

Ordered that Teunis Quick, John Cregier & John Wilkins be appointed fire Men to Engine N° 11 vice Evert Wessels Peter Shackerly and Walter DeGrauw resigned

Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Wᵗ on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Mʳ Nichˢ Carmer of the Battery Comtᵉᵉ the further Sum of £1000 on Acctˢ towards the Improvements at the Battery. | |
| issued | Elias Burger Junʳ for Repairs to the Corporation Wharf Pecks Slip ..... | £47: 7: 7 |
| issued | Alexʳ Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen..... | £50: 15: — |
| issued | James Culbertson for the like..... | £101: 10: — |

[334] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 28th Janʸ 1793

Present/ Richard Varick Esqʳ Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqʳ Recorder

Peter P Van Zandt, Isaac Stoutenburgh, John Campbell, Gabriel Furman } Esqʳˢ Aldⁿ

Mangel Minthorn, George Janeway, Garret Harsen, Anthᵒ Post, Fred: Stymets } Assistˢ

A Representation of John Murray Junʳ was read setting forth that he intends to erect several Store Houses on Lots (adjoining Murrays Wharf) lately filled in and gained out of the East River; which said Lots he conceives will not bear buildings of Stone or Brick & covered with Slate or Tile; and therefore requesting that, agreable to the Law in such case made and provided, Persons may be appointed to view & examine the said Lots and determine whether they are capable of sustaining Buildings of Brick or Stone & covered with Slate or Tile.

Ordered that John Stagg, James Robinson George Gosman John Moore & Robert Gosman be appointed accordᵍˡʸ

[335] Aldn Beekman from the Committee reported that they had concluded a Bargain with Daniel Bonnett for the Ground necessary to continue Franckfort Street to Skinners Street vizt 36 feet front & Rear & in length on the West side 79 feet 3 Inches & on the East side 75 feet 9 Inches at the price of £380:— which was approved of by the Bd

Ordered that Mr Post be of the Committee appointed 16th Jany 1792. in the place of Mr McCrea to enquire into the Injury received by James Culbertson and others of his Company of City Watchmen in quelling a Riot in the Winter of 1791.

On reading a Representation of the Engineers of the Fire Engines that in consequence of the encrease of the number of Engines & Firemen an additional Engineer was become necessary.

Ordered that Ahasuerus Turk be & he is hereby appointed an Engineer accordingly.

Ordered that the Copper Pump for drawing Water out of the River in cases of Fire be deposited in the Engine House in the Rear of the City Hall.

Ordered that Richard Kip be appointed a Fire Man who together with his father James Kip have the Charge of managing the said Pump.

An Acct of Dr Vacher for Medicine & Attendance on criminal Prisoners was referred to Aldn W Van Zandt and Messrs Stymets & Minthorn.

[336] The Committee on the Petition of Christina Arundius Report that in their Opinion the Petitioner ought to be permitted to remove such of the Buildings on the Lots lately recovered by this Corporation as were built by her or at her expence as soon as the Term for which they are let shall expire upon her paying the Costs which the Corporation has been put to in the said Recoveries: But that it would not be proper for the Corporation to release to her their Claim in any of the Lots she possesses as she is only a Tenant in common with others.

Ordered that the Committee on Improvements at the Battery cause an Iron Railing to be put on the circular Breast Work in the Street in front of the Government House.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Mr Frederick Stymets for the Relief of Lidia Wentworth & 3 blind Children..... | £10:—:— |
| issued | James Campbell an indigent old Citizen for his Relief.. | £5:—:— |

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| issued | John Bogert one of the City Marshalls for a Wound he received in apprehending a person convicted of felony | £4:—:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for his Company of City Watchmen.. | £50:15:— |
| issued | Childs & Swain for printing..... | £28:14:— |
| issued | Wm J Elsworth for a Copper Pump..... | £17:13: 6 |

To the follows Clerks of the late Election of a Representative in Congress.

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| | William Bleecker ..... | £2: 8:— |
| | Leonard Kip ..... | 2: 8:— |
| | Jacob Clinch ..... | 2: 8:— |
| | James Graham ..... | 2: 8:— |
| issued | John Clayton ..... | 2: 8:— |
| | Cornˢ Bogert ..... | 2: 8:— |
| | Evert Bancker ..... | 2: 8:— |
| | —— Clewet ..... | 2: 8:— |
| | Francis Child ..... | 2: 8:— |
| | John J Roome..... | 2: 8:— |
| | | £24: 0:— |

[337] Ordered that the following Persons be appointed fire Men of this City vizt

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| Hook & Ladder Company Nº 2. | Richard Russell vice John McBean removed to another Company, Michael Parker vice William Wright removed into the Country, Carson Dickenson vice Saml Carmer resigned & Nicholas Mead vice Timothy Russell resigned |
| Engine Nº 15 | Ebenezer Kilbourn vice George Webster resigned. |
| Engine Nº 2 | Daniel Betts vice John McBean resign'd |

[338] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held at the Alms House on Monday Febʸ 4th 1793.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | | George Janeway |
| Peter P Van Zandt | | Garret Harsen |
| Gabriel Furman | Esqrs Aldn | Anthony Post |
| Theophs Beekman | | Mangel Minthorn |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | Frederick Stymets |

Mr Mayor & the Members having visited the several Wards in the Alms House & Bridewell.

The auditing Committee reported that they had examined the Acctˢ of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell for the last Quarter & found them right; and that the Expenditures of the Alms House amounted to..... £1506:10: 8
and of the Bridewell to..... 236:19: 8
An Estimate of the Commissioners for the ensuing Qʳ for the Alms Hˢ ..... £1600:—:—
and for the Bridewell..... 200:—:—

was read and approved And it was Ordered that Mʳ Mayor issue his Wᵗ on the Treasurer to pay the said Sums to the Comsioners accordingly.

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[339] The Committee on the Acc[t] of Doctor Vacher reported and thereupon it was resolved that it does not appear that any Contract exists between this Board & Doctor Vacher and therefore that the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell be authorized and requested to make such arrangement for administering Medecine and Attendance to the sick criminal Prisoners confined in Gaol as shall appear most œconomical and proper.

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell be furnished with Monies not exceeding in the whole the Sum of £80:— to be by them applied to the Relief of necessitous families during this Winter Season and that Mʳ Mayor issue his Wᵗ on the Treasurer to pay to the Commissʳˢ the said Monies accordˢˡʸ

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Aldⁿ Campbell being absent from this City & Mʳ Carmer being prevented from his duty by bodily indisposition

Ordered that Aldⁿ Stoutenburgh & Furman be appointed to the auditing Committee in their stead until Aldⁿ Campbell's return & Mʳ Carmers recovery.

A Petition of Adolph Waldron to be employed as Superintendant on Repairs to the public Roads was read & referred to the Road Committee.

Ordered that the following Persons be appointed Firemen of this City vizᵗ [340] John Van Orden to Engine Nº 14 vice Daniel Stanbury resigned. and Thomas Stagg & John Maghee vice Silvester Burskerk resigned & John Pierce decᵈ.

Anthony Franklin to Engine Nº 12 vice Adam Mount resigned.

On reading a petition of the firemen to Engine Nº 4 Ordered that the said Engine be removed from the City Hall to the Engine House provided in front of the Theatre in John Street.

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay

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| issued | Wm Sloo for the Constables & Marshalls apprehending & conveying Vagrants to Bridewell..... | £15:12: 6 |
| issued | Dr Vacher for Medicine & Attendance on sick criminal Prisoners ..... | £34:—:— |
| issued | Stagg & Gosman for paving & Mason Work in ferry Street ..... | £12:14: 1 |
| issued | Abm Van Gelder for lighting the public Lamps 1 Month | £50: 5:— |
| issued | Alexr Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen 1 Week | £50:15:— |
| issued | Wm Hardenbrook for leaders in the Goal..... | £3:15:— |
| issued | Jacob Sherwood for glazing in the City Hall..... | £1: 4:— |
| issued | David Harriot & Saml Dodge Clerks of the late Election in the 5th Ward of a Representative in Congress each 48/ ..... | £4:16:— |

[341] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 18th day of February 1793.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Gabriel Furman<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Theophilus Beekman<br>Peter P Van Zandt | Esqrs Aldn | Frederick Stymets<br>Garret Harsen<br>Tobias Van Zandt<br>Anthony Post<br>George Janeway<br>Mangel Minthorne | Assists |

Jonathan Penny Hairdresser—admitted & sworn a free Man

The Board conceiving that the removal of the Town Clerks Office of this City to the City Hall would tend greatly to the security of the public Records & Papers

Ordered that the lower Room in the southeast Angle of the City Hall and the small Room next to it be appropriated to that use And Aldn Furman & Messrs Post & Stymets were appointed a Committee to superintend & direct such Repairs & Improvements to the said Rooms as should appear necessary

Two Petitions the one for and the other against paving Warren Street were read & referred to the Street Committee

Ordered that Thomas Hazard be appointed an Engineer of the Fire Men of this City.

Ordered that the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell supply the Watch House with fire Wood from the Alms House or Bridewell in such quantities as Mr Mayor shall from time to time be pleased to direct & order.

[342] Mr Mayor retired and Mr Recorder took the Chair.

The auditing Committee presented the following Report which was read and approved by the Board vizt

The Committee appointed to liquidate & settle the Account of Richard Varick Esqr the Mayor for Monies received and paid by him for Tavern Licences & Market fees for the Year 1792 Report that on the eighth Instant they have liquidated that Account and that it appears that the Mayor has received the Sum of £721:5/ for 484 Tavern licences exclusive of £4:15 allowed William W Gilbert Esqr for his Commission on receiving & paying over £145:4/ (being the one fifth part of the whole allowed to the Mayor)—That the Mayor has also received from James Culbertson for Fees collected by him in the Fly, Pecks Slip & Catharine Slip Markets the Sum of £938:15:2 and from Rinier Skaats for Fees collected by him in the Oswego Exchange & Hudson Markets £404:14:10 making in the whole £2064:15. That he has paid to Daniel Phœnix on Acct of Market Fees £680 and on Account of Tavern Licences Fees £430—making in the whole £1110. That he has also paid out of the Tavern Licence fees £145:4 to Robert Benson Esqr the Clerk to this Board & to Hugh Gaine for [343] printing 600 Tavern Licences & 600 Recognizances the Sum of £7:16:8. And that there remained in the hands of the Mayor on the day of liquidating his Account £801:14:4.

All which is submitted by

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| febv 18th 1793 | Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Gabriel Furman<br>Garrit Harsin | Committee for liquidating the Acctts of the Mayor &c &c |

Whereupon it was resolved and ordered by the Board that Mr Mayor retain out of the said Ballance of £801:14:4 the Sum of £800 for his own use and as a Compensation to him in lieu of the proportion of the Monies arising from the Fees of the Market and Tavern Licences heretofore allowed the Mayor and that he pay the residue of the said Ballance into the City Treasury

Ordered that Mr Mayor issue his Warrts on the Treasurer to pay.

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| issued | Alexr Lamb for his Comy of City Watcha..... | £50:15:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for the like..... | 50:15:— |
| issued | Rinier Skaats for 1 Qr Salary..... | 10: 0:— |
| | . . . . . & for Disbursemts..... | 11:— |
| issued | Elias Burger for Repairs to the Wharf at the Exchange Slip ..... | £5:19: 4 |
| issued | Jeremh Smith for Repairs to the public Pumps..... | 5:14:— |

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| issued | Garret Wallgrove for hooping the Curb of the Well in Broad Street ..... | £1:—:— |
| issued | James Hounam & Francis Dominck Clerks at the late Election ..... | £3: 4/ each |
| issued | Evert Bancker for Surveying Streets..... | £18: 7: 6 |

[344] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 11th March 1793.

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh<br>Peter P Van Zandt<br>Nichs Bayard<br>Gabriel Furman<br>Wynant Van Zandt<br>Theophs Beekman | Esqrs Aldn | Garret Harsen<br>Frederick Stymets<br>George Janeway<br>Mangel Minthorn<br>Anthony Post | Assistts |

A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants recommending an encrease of the pay of the City Watchmen; was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

A Petition of James Blanchard on the subject of the old Slaughter [House] at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to the Treasurer.

Petitions of Robt & Peter Bruce and of Frederick Rhinelander praying the Board to appoint Persons accordg to Law to view their respective Lots lately filled in & gained out of the River. which they conceive will not sustain Buildings of Brick or Stone; were respectively read And John Stagg, John Moore, George Gosman, Robert Gosman, & John Day were appointed accordingly.

[345] The Street Committee reported on the Petitions of the Inhabitants in Warren Street, Whereupon it was ordered that an Ordinance be prepared for the immediate digging out and paving of the said Street agreable to the Regulation thereof

Ordered that the following Persons be appointed fire Men of this City vizt

Peter R Maverick to Engine No 16 vice Wm Parker resigned.

To Engine No 15 George J Warner vice Ahasuerus Turk appointed Engineer

Benjamin Douglass Junr vice James Kip appointed to the Charge of the Copper Pump

Andrew Westervelt vice Ebenezer Kilburne gone to Sea.

John Walgrove vice Christian Shutz resigned

Engine N° 7 John J Post vice Jn° Smith resign[d] & Dan[l] Stansbury vice Thomas Hazard appointed an Engineer.

Engine N° 4 John Cheesman vice John Housman resigned

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[ts] to pay.

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| issued | Michael Brooks for glazing the Windows of the City Hall | £3: 2: 3 |
| issued | Frederick Rhinelander for digging & removing Earth from Greenwich Street | £114: 4: 4 |
| issued | William Heyer for Iron Mongery for the City Hall | £2:14: 9 |
| issued | Ab[m] Van Gelder for lighting Lamps | £50: 5:— |
| issued | James Culbertson for City Watch | £93:—:— |
| issued | Alex[r] Lamb for the like | £50:15:— |

[346] City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 18[th] day of March 1793

Present/ Richard Varick Esq[r] Mayor
Samuel Jones Esq[r] Recorder

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| Isaac Stoutenburgh | Esq[rs] Ald[n] | Garret Harsen | Assist[ts] |
| Theophilus Beekman | | Frederick Stymets | |
| Gabriel Furman | | Anthony Post | |
| Peter P. Van Zandt | | Mangel Minthorne | |
| Wynant Van Zandt | | George Janeway | |
| Nicholas Bayard | | Tobias Van Zandt | |

An Ordinance for the paving of Warren Street was passed by the Board.

And the like for the digging out Catharine Street agreable to the Regulation of the said Street

A Petition of John Youle for the Grant of a Water Lot at Corlaers Hook was read & referred to the Street Committee

Ordered that Ordinances be prepared for the paving of *Great George Street from Vesey Street to the North Kennel of Murray Street.

And Chatham Row from Ann Street to the North Corner of the Presbyterean Brick Church Yard.

Ordered that Roosevelt Street be continued, through the Ground lately purchased of Daniel Latham & Tho[s] White, of the Breadth of seventeen feet

[347] Ordered that the Committee on the Battery Improvements take order for the employing proper Persons to prevent Injury to the Trees and Fences at the Battery.

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—ED.

The Treasurer reported a State of Facts on the Petition of James Blanchard from which it appears that he has no claim against this Corporation; but on the contrary that there remains a ballance due from him to this Corporation of £77:5:9 which has been prosecuted for by John Cozine Esq[r] as Atty to this Corporation.

The Committee to whom was referred the Case of James Culbertson & others of the City Watchmen for bodily Injury by them received in quelling a Riot in the Night of the 18[th] January 1791 reported that James Culbertson Cap[t] of the Watch was so much injured in one of his hands as to render it in a degree useless And that W[m] Sloo Jun[r] Henry Bogardus, W[m] Van Wert, Abraham Day Henry Taylor John Bogardus & John Crum Watchmen had also received bodily Injury on that Occasion And that in the Opinion of the Committee a Gratuity of £20 ought to be given to M[r] Culbertson and £14 to the said seven Watchmen to be equally divided among them

Ordered that M[r] Mayor issue his Warr[t] on the Treasurer for the payment of the said Sums accordingly.

issued

[348] *The Street Committee reported Surveys of the several follow[g] Streets which required alteration in the Regulation thereof in consequence of the Petition of several of the Proprietors of Lots in S[t] James Street and other Streets; which said Surveys and the Explanations thereof by the Surveyors were approved of by the Board viz[t]

S[t] James Street.

Descent from Chatham Street to Bancker Street two Inches & 4/10 on 10 feet, accordingly at the intersection of Bancker Street it must be raised 4 feet 1 Inch. Descent from Bancker Street to Battavia Lane 1¼ Inch on 10 feet. accordingly at the intersection of Rutgers Street it must be raised 3 feet 5 Inches and at the intersection of Battavia Lane it must be raised 1 foot 9 Inches. Descent from Batavia Lane to the present pavement in Cherry Street 1 Inch on 10 feet.

Oliver Street.

Raise the head of Oliver Street at the south side of Bancker Street 11 Inches and thence with a Descent of 1¼ Inch on 10 feet to the present pavement in Cherry Street accordingly at the intersection of Rutgers Street it must be raised 2 feet 8 Inches.

* Marginal note reads *See Former Surveys P. 287.*—ED.

At the intersection of the Bowery Road and Catharine Street it must be lowered 2 feet 6 Inches agreable to the regulation of the Bowery Road & thence with a Descent of 2 Inches & 7/10 on 10 feet to William now [349] called Bedlow Street. accordingly at the intersection of Division Street it must be lowered 3 feet 6 Inches, at the intersection of Harman Street 3 feet 11 Inches, at the intersection of Henry Street 4 feet 11 Inches and at the inter-

Catharine Street.

section of Bedlow Street it must be raised 8 Inches. From Bedlow Street to Lombard Street descent 3 35/100 Inches on 10 feet accordingly at the intersection of Lombard Street it must be raised 8 Inches. From Lombard Street to the present pavement in Cherry Street descent 1½ Inch on 10 feet. accordingly at the intersection of Rutgers Street it must be raised 10½ Inches at the intersection of Cheapside Street 7 Inches and the present Pavement in Cherry Street will remain as now is.

To be lowered at the head thereof 1 foot 4 Inches and thence with a Descent of 4 47/100 Inches on 10 feet to Banckers Street accordingly at the in-

Fayette Street

tersection of Harman Street it must be lowered 3 feet 6 Inches and at the distance of 96 feet from thence it must be lowered 4 feet 11 Inches and at the intersection of Bancker Street it must be lowered 1 foot 10 Inches.

Descent from Chesnut Street 1 92/100 Inches on 10 feet to Roosevelt Street which is to be raised 8 Inches. Ascent from Roosevelt Street to S[t] James Street 1½ Inch on 10 feet accordingly it must be raised at the Distance of 216 feet from Roosevelt Street 5 feet and at the intersection [350] of S[t] James Street (agreable to the Regulation thereof)

Bancker Street.

4 feet 1 Inch. From S[t] James Street towards Oliver Street to the distance of 64 feet ascent 1¼ Inch on 10 feet, from thence to the Distance of 164 feet descent 1¼ Inch on 10 feet to the head of Oliver Street. From Oliver Street ascent with 3 Inches on 10 feet to Catharine Street as regulated accordingly at the intersection of Fayette Street it must be lowered 1 foot 10 Inches

The present descent from Queen Street to Chesnut Street is 11 Inches on 10 feet; the Descent from Chesnut Street to Roosevelt Street will be 4 $^{28}/_{100}$ Inches on 10 feet agreable to the Regulation of Roosevelt Street. From Roosevelt Street to S$^{t}$ James Street ascent 1 Inch on 10 feet accordingly at the Distance of 179 feet from Roosevelt Street it must be raised 1 foot 9 Inches. From S$^{t}$ James

Rutgers Street.

to the Distance of 120 feet towards Oliver Street ascent 1 Inch on 10 feet where it must be raised 5 feet & thence to the distance of 120 feet descent 1 Inch on 10 feet to Oliver Street which is to be raised 2 feet 8 Inches From Oliver Street towards Catharine Street to the Distance of 180 feet ascent 1 Inch on 10 feet and thence to the distance of 60 feet descent 1 Inch on 10 feet to Catharine Street accordingly at the Distance of 120 feet from Oliver Street it must be raised 6 feet 7 Inches.

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Batavia Lane.

Ascent from S$^{t}$ James Street towards Roosevelt Street at the Distance of 105 feet 1 Inch on 10 feet and from thence to the Distance of 175 feet descent 1 Inch on 10 feet to Roosevelt Street accordingly at the Distance of 120 feet from S$^{t}$ James Street it must be raised 1 foot 11 Inches.

Ordered that M$^{r}$ Mayor issue his Warr$^{ts}$ on the Treasurer

issued

to pay M$^{r}$ Nich$^{s}$ Carmer for the Battery Committee the further Sum of £200. on Acc$^{t}$ towards the Improvements there

issued Alex$^{r}$ Lamb for his Company of City Watchmen..... £40:11:—

City of New York } ss. At a Common Council held on Monday the 25th day of March 1793

Present/ Richard Varick Esqr Mayor
Samuel Jones Esqr Recorder

Nicholas Bayard
Isaac Stoutenburgh
Peter P Van Zandt
John Campbell
Theophilus Beekman
Wynant Van Zandt
Gabriel Furman
} Esqrs Aldn

Christopher Symets
Garret Harsen
George Janeway
Mangel Minthorne
Anthony Post
Tobias Van Zandt
} Assistts

A Petition of Samuel Farmer & Thomas Ellison for a further Grant into the [352] River near Pecks Slip was read & referred to the Street Committee.

On reading a Petition on behalf of the Uranian Society praying the use of a Room in the City Hall in lieu of that heretofore occupied by them and now appropriated to the use of the Town Clerks Office Ordered that they be permitted to use the Room on the second Floor next but one to the Senate Chamber during the pleasure & further Order of this Board.

An Estimate & Assessmt of the Commissrs named in the Statute for filling in & raising Oliver Street & the Lots fronting thereon was read & ratified by the Board And Richd Furman was appointed to collect the Monies in the Assessmt mentioned and to superintend the filling in the said Street & Lots subject to the Direction of the Street Committee

An Ordinance for the paving of *Great George Street from Vesey Street to the North Kennel of Murray Street And Chatham Row from Ann Street to the North Corner of the presbyterian Church Yard; was passed by the Board.

William Hardenbrook one of the sworn Deputy Sealers of Weights & Measures produced to the Board a standard Yard Measure which he had procured from the Exchequer in England and [353] the said Yard Measure being inspected by the Board And the said William Hardenbrook having made Oath that the same was according to the best of his knowledge and belief according to the standard established in the late Colony now State of New York immediately preceeding the Declaration of Independence of this State the Board delivered the said Yard Measure to the Clerk in the place and to supply the Deficiency of that lost & missing.

* Marginal note reads *Broadway*.—Ed.